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## Summit talks for Major and Bush over Bosnia

■ The United Nations Security Council is expected to debate powers similar to those invoked against Iraq in an attempt to enforce the air exclusion zone over Bosnia and protect refugees

By Nicholas Wood and Michael Binyon

JOHN Major is to fly to America this weekend for a special summit with President Bush on what the West can do to halt the bloodshed in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The private talks at Camp David will come at the end of a week of intense international diplomatic activity as pressure mounts for a tougher Western stance against the Serbs.

Mr Major, who is taking a stronger hand in British policy towards the conflict, yesterday reviewed the options with his cabinet defence and overseas policy committee, and Douglas Hurd will this week attend a series of conferences across devoted to the

fighting.

The flurry of talks comes against a background of continued violence — which yesterday saw the Liberal Democrat leader Paddy Ashdown come under mortar and new ceasefire pledges: the leader of Bosnia's Serbs announced that his side would delare a unilateral end to the war by the new year. But at the same time, the Yugosiavia prime minister, Milan Panic, warned the world to stop intimidating Serbia, saying that UN military intervention would only spread the

weekend's Camp David summit is expected to pave the way for a battery of new measures under the UN umbrella to pressure Serbia and its Bosnian surrogates and its Bosnian surrogains into halting attacks on the remaining Muslim-held areas of the republic. The French ambassador to the UN said yesterday that a draft resolution providing for enforcement of the no-fly zone over Bossia was being presented. Bosnia was being prepared and it was expected to invoke similar provisions to those

If such a resolution were adopted, it would probably mean American F14 jets flying from the US carrier Ranger in the Adriatic or from US bases in Italy to enforce the exclusion zone. Other key elements are likely to include a "safe havens" scheme to protect refugees, along the lines of those used for the Kurds in Iraq, and the full diplomatic and physical isolation of

Whitehall officials emphasised last hight, however, that a security council resolution was not imminent. They suggested that it made no sense to threaten to shoot down aircraft unless Western forces were in a position to do so, and it was important that action quickly followed any resolu-tion or the Serbs would think the West was simply crying

Britain is widely perceived as the coolest of the Western allies to any action against the Serbs, both because it has the most troops on the ground and because it is fearful of jeopardising the humanitar ian aid programme. But Mr Major will not stand in the way of the use of force to police the no-fly zone. Foreign Office sources also said yesterday that the Edinburgh summit declaration on Bosnia could be interpreted as backing for a safe havens plan, an idea strongly favoured by The Netherlands, which yesterday offered to send its air force to impose the exclusion zone.

Both Mr Ashdown, who escaped unscathed from a mortar attack while visiting a British army patrol on the front line near the Muslim town of Travnik; and Baroness Thatcher want Continued on page 2.

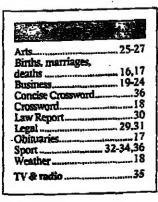
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## Travnik yearns for **British defenders**

FROM PADDY ASHDOWN IN SARAJEVO

WELCOME to Travnik -Have a Nice Stay, read the sign as our Warrior sped into the town. We travelled along the main street, past broken windows, buildings riddled with bullet-holes, destroyed by shells.

People waved their appreciation. Many just looked on in expressionless resignation: part grateful for the sense of





security the mere presence of British troops has brought to the town in recent weeks, part grudging that these well-armed troops on their door-step do not have the mandate to help defend them against the constant shelling and the imminent threat of being overrun by the Serbs a mile

We pass the most shelled building in the town — the hospital — and on to the frontline village of Turbe -most of whose inhabitants have left to join the everswelling flood of refugees the war has created.

I am with the Colonel Bob Stewart, commanding officer of the 1st Cheshires, Britain's frontline troops in this conflict, based in Vitez.

They are at the end of an impressive, efficiently organised logistics operation that stretches 155 miles up country on some impossible roads from Split. It is one of the best organised, most professional British operations I have ever seen - and one we can be proud of.

My journey from Split on Sunday to Sarejevo brought home to me the sheer scale of the operation British troops are involved in, in very difficult conditions, to make sure the humanitarian aid gets

In Turbe we spend some time with the commander of the Muslim troops, reso-Continued on page 2, col 5 which have worrying security



with a knife picked up from a watermelon stall as she is attacked by a mob in Mogadishu yesterday. The woman was stripped naked and beaten by an angry crowd after she was accused of consorting with French soldiers taking part in the United Nations armed first real sign of anti-foreign sentiment

Operation Restore Hope Chanting "prostitute" and "harlot", youths set upon the terrified woman outside a hotel housing scores of journalists, ripped off her clothes, kicked her and beat her with sticks as she lay screaming in the road. She was

she was said to have been detained for prostitution. Unconfirmed reports earlier said she had been shot dead. Colonel Michel Touron, the senior officer among French troops in Moga-dishu, denied that the woman had consorted with his men.

Silencing the guns, page 9

## IRA may have tapped calls between Major and Hume

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRISH CORRESPONDENT implications for Mr Hume

and his correspondents, came

to light during a search by the

RUC of a house at West End

Park in the Bogside area of

Londonderry last Wednesday.

The house is only a few doors away from Mr Hume's home.

search for weapons, officers

found a number of tapes and

recording equipment, Seven people including a woman

During the operation, a

THE IRA may have eavesdropped on private conversations between John Major and a leading political figure in Northern Ireland, it emerged yesterday.
The RUC confirmed that

officers in Londonderry are investigating a telephone tapping operation involving John Hume, leader of the moderate nationalist Social Democratic and Labour party. Mr Hume, who was in Strasbourg yesterday, would not comment, but informed sources have told The Times that voices on tapes now in possession of the police include that of Mr Major.

A source familiar with the police investigation said officers were astonished when they discovered the contents of the tapes, which showed that the IRA "had been keeping themselves entirely up-to-date" with the recent interparty talks process.

Police would not confirm that Mr Major is on the recordings, and a Northern Ire-land Office spokesman was unable to comment. The existence of the tapes,

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rleased without charge.

A review of the tapes made clear that Mr Hume's telephone had been tapped. Police are not saying how many tapes are involved or over what period the tapping took place, but officers are believed to be working on the theory that it could have been part of an attempt to monitor inter-party talks on a new government for Northern Ireland. The latest phase began in May and ended inconclu-

sively last month. Mr Hume, who also keeps in touch with the Irish government, was told of the discovery

The IRA in Londonderry contacted a local newspaper to deny it had anything to do with the tapping. It is known, however, that the provisionals have used sympathisers working for British Telecom.

The tapes may indicate that republicans have been more concerned about a successful outcome to the talks than willing to admit in public.

## Lamplugh sister flees abduction

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A FRENCH holidaymaker was yesterday charged with the attempted abduction of the younger sister of Suzy Lamplugh, the London estate agent who vanished without trace six years ago after keeping an appointment with a

The tourist, aged 20, who has not been named, is due to appear before Oxford Magistrates' Court this morning. He has been charged with attempted kidnapping, threats to kill, robbery and possession of an offensive weapon. A
Thames Valley police spokeswoman said the man would not be named until his court

appearance. Elizabeth Lamplugh, 22, a publishing assistant, managed to escape and raise the alarm after the alleged abduction attempt in Oxford late on Sunday afternoon, police said. Speaking at a press conference yesterday afternoon, accompanied by her mother. Diana. Miss Lamphigh said: "How unlucky can one family be?"

## **Defeat for** Yeltsin as Gaidar is cast aside

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin was last night fighting for his political survival and the future of Russia's reforms after the appointment of a conservative prime minister heralded the most serious threat yet to the country's transition to a mar-

ket economy.

The development is a personal blow to Mr Yeltsin, who was forced by the overwhelming opposition of the country's highest legislature to abandon his support for the candidature as prime minister of Yegor Gaidar, the architect of Russia's radical reforms, despite substantial concessions to hardliners.

The Congress of People's Deputies chose Victor Chernomyrdin to head the government by an overwhelming majority. A former Communist party functionary and representative of the militaryindustrial complex, he has been in charge of the energy sector since then and is considered to belong to the pragmatic wing of the conservative

opposition. Radical deputies last night accused Mr Yeltsin of a betrayal of principle, with one prom ment supporter, Father Gleb Yakunin, saying that the decision to sacrifice Mr Gaidar was a catastrophe and that the president could no longer be trusted. Ruslan Khasbulatov, the Congress chairman and arch-rival of Mr Yeltsin, claimed the result of the vote as a victory for predominance in the battle between legislature and executive.

Mr Chernomyrdin comes from the ranks of Civic Union, the powerful umbrella group of technocrats which is demanding a slowdown in the pace of reform and a return to greater state influence over the economy. In an acceptance speech delivered against the

background of enthusiastic applause, he pledged to continue reform but with "a slightly different tone". He added that he would support policies to rejuvenate the Russian economy "but not at the expense of impoverishing the people". His accession robs Mr Yetsin of prime ministerial support when the country is in economic trouble.

The battle for the future of reform in Moscow was echoed in Stockholm yesterday at the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, where Andrei Kozyrev, Russia's liberal foreign minister, shocked the gathering with a mock hardline speech saying that Moscow would be prepared to use military force and economic pressure against former Soviet republics to reassert Russian domination. He then retracted his remarks, explaining that they were a scare tactic to jolt the West into an appreciation of what could happen if President Yeltsin lost power and conservatives took over in Moscow.

Mr Gaidar said last night that he would not serve under Mr Chernomyrdin, but he called on other members of the radical reform team to stay on and fight for the continuation of reforms. Mr Gaidar came only third in a ballot of several candidates for the post, behind Mr Chernomyrdin and Yuri Skokov, the hardline chairman of the security council. Mr Yeltsin is now struggling to rescue his personal authority, undermined by his mishandling of Congress.

☐ Suspects freed: Four men suspected of involvement in the coup in August last year, including the former Speaker of the Soviet parliament, have been released, pending trial.

Yeltsin defeat, page 8



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## Major must set his sights on well-armed Swiss

is only one way to go. When John Major pranced into the House yesterday like a catwalk model, preening and swirling so we could admire the cut of his Edinburgh-tailored finery. the idea of bleaker tomorrows must have seemed preposterous. But as far as Europe goes, he may find there is little less rewarding than unclouded

Major told a crowded Commons that "anyone who looks objectively at what has been agreed under the British presidency, and at this European Council in particular, can take pride in Britain's achievement. The European Community has reached decisions on issues that many thought were insoluble: it has prepared

ne drawback to un-bounded elation is public opinion." Well some that, afterwards, there might say bully for it, but now

The occasion seemed to demand party hats and bunting, but Major's statement, John Smith's tepid response to it, and the dreary questions that followed made. for a chewy afternoon. Even Bill Cash, who can normally produce three new wicked things Brussels has done that very morning, asked Major a limply unmemorable question before sloping dispiritedly out of the House.

Though the benches were fuller, the brain activity level in the chamber during the prime minister's EC statement was as animated as it was for Questions to the Welsh Secretary and Questions to the Duchy of Lancaster that pre-ceded it, which are as close as



the Commons gets to a state of clinical torpor. So what went wrong?

Frankly, the heart has gone out of the whole Maastricht business. As long as Denmark was putting in more oars than a Viking longboat, and as long as Tory Euro-sceptics felt they had a chance of bullying and tilting the world in their favour, politics looked lively. democracy seemed in rude health, and the question of Europe gave everyone from subsidised farmers to carrotjam makers something to brawl about. If it is all now plain sailing to mass ratification, there is no more fun in the chase. It's just a pushover.

This is bad news for the Euro-sceptics. But it may be worse news for Mr Major. Unless people have good rea-sons for reaffirming their support for the EC, they will simply moan about the bits they hate, the way Tories who fought to persuade doubters to vote Tory in April now just whine about the cabinet.

Even good causes need whetstones against which they can keep their arguments sharp. It keeps everyone's adrenalin up and makes us feel alive. From now on, Maastricht may not. Only Denmark's nose-thumbing referendum gave the EC any spice recently. What can Ma-

there is a solution that will get both him and the opposi off the hook. One of Major's ambitious is enlargement of the EC Mr Smith agreed yesterday that this would pro-vide "a new and healthy

S adly. Sweden, Finland and Austria are not up to the task of being Major's new rallying points, not racy enough to provide both fuel for the Euro-sceptics and a cause for Euro-fans to champion. No. Major must make recalcitrant Switzerland. which recently voted against hugging Europe, his next challenge.

will be a fount of Euro-scares. In Zurich, government offici-als spend £8 million a year washing the grit before it is sprinkled on the streets to tackle the winter snow and ice. Some 625,000 Swiss citizen soldiers keep an army rifle in their coat cupboard. You can walk into a remote Swiss farmhouse and see a dried boar's penis hanging from the ceiling; a lucky charm not, so far, imitated by Smallbone of Devizes in their chalet kitchen decor range. Here is a country that will keep the spirit of

closer European union alive. We are willing to be bullied to death by Brussels, but we won't tolerate being bored to death. To warn us of just how deathly life can get in the Commons when the zip goes, Mr Major later gave way to David Hunt, the Welsh secre-Switzerland already behaves David Hunt, the Welsh secre-in such fanciful ways that it tary, who returned to the dispatch box to fill us in on "local government finance matters in Wales".

## Prison officer held hostage is released

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A prison officer was released unharmed last night after being held hostage for more than 24 hours at a top security jail (Richard Ford writes). The siege ended after a day of talks between trained negotiators and prisoners holding the officer at Perth prison on Tayside, Scotland.

The officer was released shortly before 5pm. The incident is believed to have been linked to disciplinary action taken against a prisoner suspected of a drugs offence. It is alleged that drugs were passed during an open visit in which prisoners can sit with their families. The prisoner was then ordered to take closed visits where glass separates inmates

Inmates in D hall seized the officer at 4.30pm on Sunday as they were being locked up for the night. Police surrounded the jail which holds 442 prisoners. Sixty wisoners who did not want to be involved in the incident left the hall immediately. Later two more emerged, one with serious injuries to his face and body. He was treated for stab wounds in hospital and was said to be in a comfortable

## Victim planned funeral

An 11-year-old heart and lung transplant patient planned An 11-year-old heart and lung transplant patient planned her own funeral when she knew her operation had failed. Kelly Good, a victim of cystic fibrosis, died last week, 10 months after her operation at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children. A few weeks earlier she had sat with the Rev Pat Phillips, the woman deacon in charge of St Mary's parish church at Newent, Gloucestershire, and chosen the hymns.

Yesterday the church was filled with 350 friends and relations, many in tears as her coffin was carried into the church while Art Garfunkel's recording of Bright Eyes was played. The song was the theme from her favourite book and film, Watership Down. Classmates from Picklenash primary school in Newent sang her three chosen songs, Morning has Broken, Once in Royal David's City, and The Colours of Day.

### Protesters take to trees

Three protesters tied themselves to trees 20ft above the ground yesterday in the latest attempt to stop work on a new motorway link. Demonstrators had earlier left a camp at Twyford Down near Winchester, Hampshire, where they had lived for three months while trying to block construction of the M3 link. They left only minutes before a 9am eviction order, granted to landowner Winchester college last week. came into force. A hardcore of protesters, known as the Dongas Tribe and named after ancient trackways in the area, lashed themselves to the trees. Fifty police officers were on the down today, joining more than 50 private security guards employed by the transport department.

### BR agrees damages

Mrs Gillian Loader, 35, widow of a man who died in the Clapham rail disaster, was awarded £485,000 damages in the High Court. Her daughter Sally. 10. and son Timothy. seven, will receive £25,000 each in an agreed award against British Rail. Stephen Loader, 34, of Chandler's Ford. Hampshire, was a £28,000-a-year personnel manager at Midland Bank when the accident happened in south London on December 12, 1988. Thirty-five people died and hundreds were injured. A BR spokesman said more than £9 million had been paid out in compensation so far. Forty-five claims for damages, for death and injury still have to be settled.

## Damages for press chief

Contad Black, chairman of the publishers of The Daily Telegraph, received a public apology and substantial undisclosed libel damages in the High Court yesterday. He had sued The Independent on Sunday over a report published in June about the flotation of The Telegraph plc. The article claimed that his retention of control of the company through Hollinger, his Canadian master company, was causing worry and that in view of his previous corporate activities in Canada, being a minority shareholder in one of his interests had not always been a pleasant experience. The newspaper apologised for "embarrassment and irritation"

### Media hearing today

National newspaper organ-isations and editors are to give evidence today at the final parliamentary hearing of an enquiry run by Clive Soley, the Labour MP (right), into the impact of legislation to control the media. Bodies giving evi-dence include the National Union of Journalists, the Press Complaints Commis-sion and the Guild of British



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## MP not to face charges

Bribery charges against Harry Greenway, Conservative MP for Ealing North, are to be dropped, the Crown Prosecution Service said yesterday. Mr Greenway was accused of accepting gifts, including foreign holidays, in return for using parliamentary influence on behalf of Plasser Railway Machinery in connection with British Rail contracts. The decision, by Barbara Mills, the director of public prosecutions, follows the acquittal of all defendants in another trial involving Plasser Railway. Mr Greenway was prosecutions, to low the acquittat of an defendants in another trial involving Plasser Railway. Mr Greenway was also accused of lying on a British nationality application for Norbert Jurasek, Plasser's managing director. That charge is also to be dropped.

## Homelessness rising

Centrepoint Soho, a charity for the homeless, is today calling for a coherent strategy to address the rapidly increasing number of young people living rough on the streets. The charity, which can provide accommodation for 300 young people a night, released a report saying that those sleeping rough are younger and more vulnerable than every before. Sixteen and 17-year-olds, who two decades ago formed 14 per cent of those seeking help from the charity. last year accounted for more than half. Centrepoint cites rising unemployment, the low incomes of single parents and the fact that they are too young to claim benefit payments as the main reasons for their plight.

## University heads chosen

Two universities with widely different traditions yesterday named new vice-chancellors. York chose Professor Ron Cooke, of University College London, while Glamorgan named as its first permanent head Professor Adrian Webb, of Loughborough University. Professor Cooke, the viceprovost of UCL, is a leading geographer, who specialises in deserts. He is the president of the institute of British Geographers and has held research posts in three American universities. Professor Webb is returning to his roots in South Wales. He said the university had begun to demonstrate its potential and will increasingly develop its

## State schools permitted to select some gifted pupils

■ New education guidelines will pave the way for specialisation in secondary schools despite critics' claims of segregation

#### By John O'Leary, education correspondent

STATE comprehensives will be allowed to select up to 10 per cent of their pupils from among those who are particularly talented in art, music or sport, ministers announced

New admissions guidelines announced by Eric Forth, the education minister, gave offi-cial force to informal limits operated in grant-maintained schools for several months. The policy paves the way for government plans to encourage specialisation in secondary schools.

A circular defining the limits of selection in the state sector in advance of new legislation next year ruled out significant changes of character without reference to ministers. Alterations in the age range, mix of sexes, or ability of more pupils will still require the education approval

The move was announced despite opposition from critics who claim that Conservative encouragement for specialisation in subjects such as science, languages or technology will produce I I-plus-style tests and a return to selection

Mr Forth said encouraging schools to specialise in academic subjects should not be confused with selection on the basis of academic ability. He



Eric Forth: "A step away from uniformity"

said parents would welcome specialisation as "another step away from the uniformity which has held back our schools for so long

Ann Taylor, Labour's education spokeswoman, yesterday described the plans as "specialisation by the back door". She added: "Segregation for some does not neces-sarily give those children the breadth of opportunity they require, but does mean the stigma of rejection for the vast

majority."
The government's guide-lines: also aim to ensure all schools have clear admissions policies so that parents have a realistic idea of their child's chances of gaining a place at a popular school. Those schools which decide to specialise in academic subjects would apply to select pupils by ability only in "exceptional circumstances". Only two grantmaintained schools are being

considered for grammar school status. Ministers would expect all schools, including grant-maintained, to show local people had been consulted about such changes. The

guidelines also stress nonselective schools should not use tests of ability to choose The Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association said the guidelines were the "thin edge of the wedge for the reintroduction of academic selection". Gillian Woods, an assistant general secretary,

ist schools would "narrow educational opportunities" for all children. The guidelines encourage head teachers to meet parents, but stress that interviews should not affect a child's chances of securing a place. Only church schools will be able to seek reports on candidates or interview parents to

said the move towards special-



Frontline talks: Paddy Ashdown, centre, meeting British Army leaders at their base in Bosnia yesterday

## Dail fails to pick Taoiseach

By Edward Gorman, ireland correspondent

THE Irish parliament reconveried yesterday for the first time since last month's inconclusive general election and failed to choose a new Taoiseach. Albert Reynolds, the leader of Fianna Fail. remains prime minister in a caretaker capacity pending a further attempt to find a successor, possibly next

Monday.

During the session three candidates, Mr Reynolds, John Brouton of Fine Gail and Dick Spring, the Labour judge a child's religious background and suitability. leader, were proposed. Each failed to achieve sufficient

support to command the 166seat house. The stalemate was widely predicted following two weeks of preliminary negotiations and manouevering between the parties which has not yet resulted in a basis for a new coalition.

There are increasing signs, however, that differences of policy and mutual suspicion between members of Labour and the right-wing Progressive Democrats has made the so-called Rainbow Coalition' between them and Fine Gail an unworkable prospect.

a Labour-Fianna Fail deal which could keep Mr Revnolds in power. Fianna Fail has already offered Mr Spring generous concessions on Labour's key policy objectives and the party may be prepared to concede up to five cabinet

Mary Harney, the Progressive Democrat former junior minister, said on her way into the Dail that she believed Labour had been involved in secret negotiations with Fianna Fail for more than a week and that a deal was

virtually settled.

## summit on Bosnia

Continued from page 1.

West's response. But Downing Street said yesterday that Britain would

over 100,000 British, American, French and other troops: the likelihood, if not the certainty, of very large numbers of casualties, and no certainty the war could actually be brought to an end." Foreign Office aides said

with the US, but not in the "spearhead" of any new military pressure. "We want to be in the same vehicle as the Americans, though not in the front seat."

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all military solutions. further convoys to Croatia.

US support, page 11 Conor Cruise O'Brien,

## Travnik yearning for defence

Continued from page I lutely defending the village. He explained that the British troops did have a calming influence - even if somebody on the hillsides took care to remind us that they were very much there with a mortar shell on our heels as we sped back to Travnik.

Over coffee, the Muslim commander help up his pistol and said: "This is what I have my opposite number on the Serb side has a howitzer." One man asked to lift the arms embargo. But the unspoken question has to be answered. Are we prepared to allow the extinction of a recognised European state? Our troops, and the United Nations operation, have increased the aid

getting through.

But behind their military objective there is no political objective. Our response, in common with the international community, bas consistently been "too little, too late". Since Britain has held the presidency of the European Community for the past six months, the British government must hold some responsibility.

The international community cannot watch while this conflict moves inexorably to its terrible conclusion. It must make clear that it will not allow the Muslim community

to be swept away.

Sarajevo is becoming a symbol of the will of the European community to preserve peace on its borders, and of the UN to uphold international law. Sarajevo must not be allowed to fall.

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The documentary Elizabeth R was made by BBC television and not by Bonham Carter Associates as incorrectly re-

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081-399 5144 She described herself as something of a "mother hen" when it came to the safety of her friends and relatives. "With people I live with, I tell

## Lamplugh sister flees abduction attempt

Continued from page i said that she had learned a lesson from the unsolved abduction of her sister in southwest London.

Police said Miss Lamplugh told them she had parked her car and was walking away from it when a man with a knife threatened her and tried to abduct her. He got into the driver's seat of the vehicle but she managed to get away

Miss Lamplugh said that recommendations laid down by the trust her mother set up after the disappearance of her sister had been at the front of her mind during the incident. "I think a sort of overdrive comes in and another part of you takes over," she said.

She also praised the actions of her neighbours, to whom she ran for help. "I have never met them before, but they were marvellous. They reacted so quickly."

them they must let us know where they are going and if they are going to be late," she

Mrs Lamplugh said: "When she told me about what had happened, I was so relieved - she had reacted beautifully, and so did the police." Despite what hap-pened, she said she would not become over-protective towards her daughter: "I could not just wrap her up in cotton wool. Lizzie is far too alive for that," she said.

Miss Lamplugh's father, Paul, said: "She was acting instinctively, in the way that the trust says people should Six years on, the case of Suzy

Lamplugh remains a mystery. Then aged 25, she disappeared after showing a client, calling himself Mr Kipper, around a house in Fulham. west London. Her body has never been found. The police enquiry was called off five years ago and now a single detective at Kensington police station has control over the

## Attention is now focusing on **Bush and Major call**

Britain to take a more hawkish stance. Mr Ashdown said it was time to take a firm grip on the fighting, and gave a warning of incalculable consequences for hie Balkans unless further action was taken. Lady Thatcher was said yesterday to be "in a lather" about the

only go in "with its eyes open", while Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, again cautioned against military escalation and ruled out the deployment of any combat troops. The reality is that if the UN wanted to intervene in a military sense, the degree of commitment it would have to contemplate would be for many years; involve possibly

Britain would be "upfront"

search for a solution, the leader of the Bosnian Serbs said that he would soon end the conflict himself. "We will propose to the assembly of the Serbian Republic Bosnia session on December 17 to adopt a declaration on ending the war." Radovan Karadzic told a news conference in Belgrade. He said Serbs rejected

As he spoke, a convoy of buses evacuated 1,008 Muslims and Croats from the cattle sheds of Manjaca, the last big Serb-nun detention camp in north Bosnia. Bosnian Serbs plan to close the camp on Friday when the last of the 3,000 immates leaves after two

page 14 Associates as incorrectly ported on December 12.

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## Briton buried in swamp 'was shot by US partner'

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

A BRITISH businessman whose body was found buried in a Florida swamp nearly two years after he disappeared was the victim of a \$1 million fraud, police in Miami said

Howard Bates, 43, a computer expert from Hawkhurst, Kent, was reportedly shot through the back of the head after he flew to America in February 1991 to investigate a surgical-product manufactures he head investigate in

Police claim that Mr Bates, a former RAF pilot who was married with three children, was lured to swampland near a factory site and shot after a showdown with his American

Albert Lucio, 32, Mr Bates's partner in a company called Bolden Surgical Products, and Wayne Merced, 26, have been charged with his mur-der. Merced's girlfriend, Magaly Carr, 29, has not yet been arrested but will be charged with first-degree murder. Fraud charges are also pending. After the arrests last week, police were led to the swamp and spent two days excavating it before recovering the body.

Police, who said there was no truth in earlier suggestions that Mr Bates had been unwittingly caught up in a drugs ring, disclosed that the business he was investing in was non-existent and his money had been mis-

appropriated. It was Lucio who reported Mr Bates missing on Febru-ary 9, 1991, from his Miami hotel, where his clothes and passport were found aban-doned. He had last been seen alive when he left La Quenta Motel near Miami airport on February 6 for a meeting. He had telephoned his wife the night before saying that all was well, but she never heard from him again.

Mr Bates co-founded South East Computers, a computer dealership in Hastings, East Sussex, 12 years ago and often travelled to America on business. David Turner, the com-pany's technical director at the time of Mr Bates's disappearance, said he had invested money in Bolden Surgical Products after South East Computers was sold to a technology group.

A Miami police spokesman said: "The theory is that Mr Bates, from June 1990 until his death, had invested over \$1 million with Lucio in the business and Lucio illegally took the funds out for his own gain. Mr Bates was concerned about his money and came out to confront Lucio. The three then conspired to murder him. There has been an extensive investigation over thousands of hours. He was shot in cold blood because he

to blow the whistle." His widow Sheila, 43, hired a detective in Miami to search for her husband. Speaking at the family home, a converted barn, Mrs Bates said: "I am trying to come to terms with what has happened. I know very few details of what is

knew too much and was about

happening in America.
"It is still too early for me to know what plans to make. All I want to do is spend some time with my children, who need me," The children are Matthew, 19, Joe, 17, and Becky, 11. Mr Bates

Hawkhurst from Hastings in 1987. He chaired Hawkhurst football club in the East Sussen league and was a keen golfer. The football club's acting chairman, Phil Jones, 46, said: "Howard and Matthew both played a really good game of soccer, and often played together. Howard's business brain was brilliant for the club and he soon became our chairman. As I understand it, he wanted to set up a factory in Miami to manufacture surgical equipment to be used in operating theatres, but the factory never existed. He was shown a unit when he went on visits to the site, but it was never really

## Royals miscast in saga of hats and endless crises



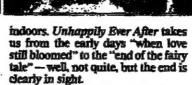
How viewers in America saw the royal family on Sunday night in the television film Charles and Diana: Unhappily Ever After



FROM BEN MACINTYRE

THE timing of Charles and Diana: Unhappily Ever After, a television film depicting the marriage break-up of the Prince and Princess of Wales and broadcast to millions of Americans on Sunday night, could hardly have been better. The film itself could scarcely have been worse. Superficial, stilted, miscast and mind-numbingly boring, the ABC

production co-starring Catherine Ozenberg (formerly of *Dynasiy*) and Roger Rees (formerly with the Royal Shakespeare Company) will doubt-less prove one of the most successful TV films of the year. The relationship between the Prince and Princess forms the main drama, with the Duke and Duchess of York's separation a subplot in a film of relentless emotional crises, faux-pageantry and hats - hundreds of them, worn by everybody all the time, even



The film is unique in one sense. The American media have traditionally sided firmly with the Princess of Wales, who is usually portrayed asan innocent commoner brought low by the rigid regulations of royal life. This film, however, does not take sides since all the characters (with

the possible exception of the Queen) are almost equally ghastly. The Prince of Wales is aloof, pompous and obsessed with gardening; his wife is addicted to pop music and would rather be "teaching kindergarten"; the Duke of Edinburgh is despotic and old-fashioned. The Duchess of York is made to sound, and even dress, like Mrs Slocombe

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## **Veterans** go to war over fruit machines

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A DUNKIRK veteran banned from his old-soldiers club after being accused of "Gestapo-style tactics" took his former comrades-in-arms to court yesterday.

Harold Hewitt, 70, who until last January was chairman of the National Prisoners of War Association, was expelled from the Salisbury branch of the Dunkirk Veterans' Association after it was discovered that he had used a hidden recorder to tape a meeting of the club's finance committee, suspecting that money was being stolen from the club's fruit machines.

Members of the club, dressed in navy blazers bearing their badge of a green shield with a gold fist, silver doves and an olive branch. packed the courtroom at the High Court in Winchester, Hampshire, as the case began yesterday. Mr Hewitt, a former vice-

chairman of the club, told the court that he became convinced that money was being taken from two fruit machines in the club's bar after reading a newspaper article about a fruit machine theft elsewhere. Mr Hewitt said: "I had bought the club a new piano and a new boiler, but the moment I mentioned those fruit machines everything changed. I knew something was wrong. I went to the finance meeting with a tape recorder. They did not know I was wired up, but I wanted to

know what was going on." The jury, hearing a civil action brought by Mr Hewitt against Steve Curtis, the club chairman, and Louis Carrier. the secretary, in an attempt to win his membership back, were then played the tapes which Mr Hewitt had secretly

Mr Hewitt was suspended from the club in May 1986, and subsequently banned from committee meetings and finally from the club itself. Since then he has been fighting to win reinstatement, claiming that he never intended to upset anyone.

Mr Hewitt told the court The association was absolutely important to me. My wife and I used the club regularly every Friday night." The case continues today.

## Banks 'sending low earners into vicious cycle of debt'

By RAY CLANCY

are increasingly turning to credit to help them to make ends meet in the recession but this is leading to a vicious cycle of debt, according to a report published today. Unsympathetic banks are

too ready to turn to debt collection agencies that use coercive and frightening tactics, says the report from the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux.

Banks are accused of failing to adopt voluntarily a code of practice that calls for legisla-tion to regulate their credit activities. Urgent changes to the Consumer Credit Act 1974 to make it easier for victims of unscrupulous lenders to take court action and protect themselves are urged. The report says that the social fund is also failing and should be restructured to make it easier for the needy to obtain grants for essential furniture

The report highlights the plight of families forced into debt who end up borrowing from illegal lenders, elderly people who cannot afford to heat their homes, and women who are sexually harassed by debt collectors. It concludes that credit has become a "sticking plaster" over inade-quate benefit levels and expensive housing, but instead of helping it leads to long-term debt. often at extortionate interest rates.

In Somerset, a debt collector

PEOPLE with low incomes arrange for a woman's debts to be written off if she would have sex with him. He stood in her hallway while he discussed

> In Northern Ireland a number of people on income support are borrowing money from lenders whose practices do not comply with the Consumer Credit Act 1974. They have no idea what rates of interest are being charged, they have no written proof of accounts of the consumer and do not know the consumer and do not consumer and the con agreements and do not know how much they owe. A single mother with two children borrowed money from five such

> An unemployed man in north London borrowed £250 from a loan shark, unaware that the annual percentage rate was 972 per cent. After seeking advice from his local advice bureau he was referred to local trading standards officers who told him that any action for extortionate credit

was unlikely to succeed.

Often it is hidden penalties in loan deals that catch people out. In Tyne and Wear a man signed a secured loan for 56,000 in 1987 at an APR of 39.9 per cent repayable over 10 years. He fell into arrears and incurred penalties which increased the APR to 190 per cent. He has cleared the arrears and paid out £9,000 to date. When he asked if he could settle the loan early he was quoted a figure of £18,000 less £4,000 rebate. The original loan could end up costing

Banks rate no better than private companies when it comes to understanding the needs of borrowers. "Debts with banks are more complex than debts to other unsecured creditors," the report says. In South Wales, a bank charged a pensioner who was over-drawn by £48 for three days a monthly administration charge of £9 and then imposed further penalties that increased her debt to over £80.

Banks are often unsympathetic, refuse to listen to clients' problems and often offer further loans to pay off debts when clients are clearly unable

to cope, the report says.

The bureau is particularly concerned that in the climate of the current recession banks are, at times, dealing more harshly with people in debt. resorting to action such as application for charging or-ders and the use of debt collection agencies which adopt coercive and frightening tactics."

Ann Abraham, the association's chief executive, said: "An increasing number of our clients are finding they simply cannot make ends meet and have no choice but to resort to credit. We are asking the government to ensure that levels of benefit are adequate, that safety nets such as the social fund work for the people who really need them and credit industry practices are closely controlled."

## **Mona Lisa** theory gets brush-off

BY JEREMY LAURANCE

ART experts tempered curiosity with scepticism yesterday in reacting to the theory that Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa could be a mirror image of the artist's face.

The theory, reported in yes-terday's Times, was based on observations by Dr Digby Quested, a psychiatrist at the Maudsley hospital, London, about the Mona Lisa's smile.

Professor Martin Kemp, a Leonardo scholar at St Andrew's University, Edinburgh, and consultant to the National Gallery in London, said it was possible that Leonardo had reversed the image uninten-tionally. "He was a lefthander and would have had a different inclination to painting, drawing and to reading things from righthanders." Also, he had advised artists to use a mirror to check their work.

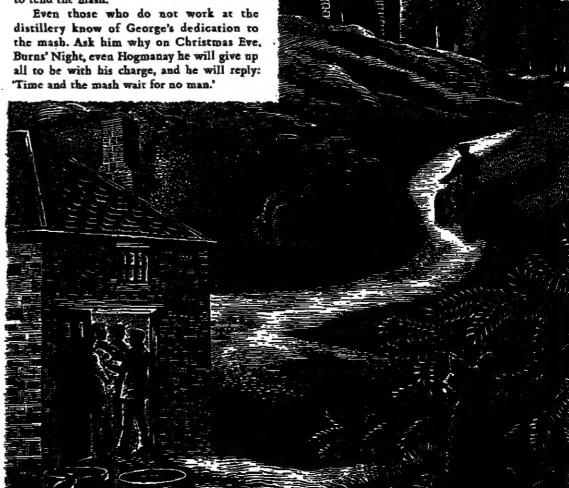
But Professor Kemp dismissed the suggestion that the painting might be a self-portrait. Evidence that the subject was Madonna Lisa, wife of Francesco del Giocondo, was "not rock solid but as good as we are ever

likely to get. Nicholas Penny, a Renaissance specialist at the National Gallery, said: "Speculation that there might be an autobiographical element in the Mona Lisa is not surprising. especially since it is an unusual type of portrait and more idealised than others by

## SINGLE HIGHLAND MALT SCOTCH WHISKY. **GLENMORANGIE**

GEORGE MACKENZIE. Mashman.

T WAS CHRISTMAS EVE, and the annual A Glenmorangie party was in full swing. Somewhere a door opened. A sudden waft of icy Firthside air provoked a flurry of goosepimples. And a briskly pedalling figure disappeared into the mist outside. 'Who was that?' asked a visitor. 'Oh, only George Mackenzie. He's away up to the mash-house to tend the mash."



## Hospital chiefs put Big Mac on the menu

By Nicholas Watt

SOGGY cabbage and overcooked pota-toes were banished at Guy's Hospital in London yesterday when a McDonald's opened on the premises.

The government's flagship trust hospital, which pointedly refers to its patients as customers, decided that Big Macs and Chicken McNuggets had to appear on the menu if Gny's was to be truly Thatcherite From now on "customers" hobbling into the grandeur of Guy's eighteenth century square can hear popmusic and spot cut-outs of Ronald

The first customers yesterday were impressed Lynette Ely, who was visiting

the hospital with her two young children, said: "It's right pukka in here. It's normally so expensive to eat near the hospital, but I've fed my kids and got change out of a tenner."

Even before the new McDonald's opened, medical students at the hospital had requisitioned the brightly coloured restaurant. Imrana Qureshi, one of the students, said: This will become a major hang-out and I'm sure they'll end up having to kick us out. We're going to come here for breakfast, lunch and dinner." Invan Rao, another student, said that although he thought the food at McDonald's was junk, the college dining hall would soon go out of business. Paul Preston, president of McDonald's

UK, said: "We have restaurants at 26 hospitals in the US and thought it was time that Britain had one." He defended the nutritional value of

the food. "We have beef, chicken and salad on the menu and the food we serve is entirely in keeping with a normal British diet."

Lee Soden, the hospital's director of commercial services, said: "We wanted to offer more choice to our customers and obviously we saw a chance to make money. We have a Good Food at Guy's Campaign that offers a range of nutritional food to our customers. McDonald's will be an important part of this. But of course, nobody eats a Big Mac

## Animal liberationists suspected of firebombing Forestry Commission station

## Arson ruins 30 years of conservation research

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

THIRTY years of research by one of Britain's leading experts on tree diseases was destroyed in a firebomb attack on a Forestry Commission station yesterday. The attack could be the work of animal liberation activists.

The attack was at the commission's research headquarters at Alice Holt Forest near Bordon, Hampshire, and destroyed the office of Brian Greig, the longest serving research officer at the station. If staff living near by had not been alerted, the blaze could have brought down the entire

Yesterday Hampshire police were unsure of the motive. One suggestion is that the station was attacked because of the commission's links with

Last month a demonstranon was held at another commission site over the use of commission land for hunting. There could also have been objections to the station's work with red squirrels.

Mr Greig, 57, joined the station in 1959 after training at a forestry college and specialising in tree diseases. He was called from his home in a nearby village by a colleague after the fire began.

The station's caretaker and other staff worked to halt the fire but his office was wrecked costing him 20 to 30 box files of material. They covered his research on Dutch Elm disease and new work on a disease attacking oaks called oak tree dieback.

Yesterday, as firemen cleared up, Mr Greig was left to gather what he could from

He said: "I'm absolutely shattered. Thirty years of work has gone up in smoke and it is irreplaceable; accumulated information and historical records." He said important research results had been been published but this was only the bare bones of work which

would have been invaluable to

"I have got about a dozen plastic bags filled with bits of paper but there is likely to be very little to retrieve. I have lost an almost unique collection of colour slides as well as notebooks. I am not sure how! am going to tackle this problem. Some work might be reconstructed.

"I cannot believe that ani-mal liberation extremists are responsible because all we do is study the behaviour of a of squirrels. I wouldn't dream of harming animals because my life's work is purely about conserving wildlife and forests."

Peter Rose, a scientist at the station, said: "I find it hard to believe this could be the work of animal extremists. I was woken up this morning when the firebomb blew out all the windows. If all of the devices had gone off the station would be in ruins."

Inspector Brian Beckingham of Hampshire police said the arsonists had deliberately scattered papers throughout the wood and concrete building and soaked them in petrol. They had then set up incendiary devices with timers round the building but only one erupted.

The inspector said: "If the rest had exploded the whole centre would have been de-stroyed. The roof would have been taken off."

He said animal liberation activists could have been the culprits but the work of the station was "ultra-environmentally friendly". The sta-tions work was solely to protect and conserve Britain's forests. Animal liberation groups

have been active in recent weeks with fires at a Midlands agricultural college and at-tacks on factory farming companies. The station is one of two run by the Forestry Commission and has never had



Counting the cost: Brian Greig, whose life's work was about conservation, in his ruined office in the Alice Holt Forest research station

## Extremists are stepping up their campaign of violence

BY STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

ANIMAL rights extremists have been active recently in their own version of a Christmas terrorist campaign with a series of attacks against the meat and dairy producing industries. Arson attacks on refrigerated lorries, a poultry processing plant and a farm shop are likely to be followed by fresh assaults. The activists have struck in

support of a clutch of campaigns linked to preventing the continued exploitation of animals by man whether by hunting, for food, for science or for clothing. In the space of a decade, the activists have become adept at guerrilla raids, arson attacks and bombing attempts on oppo-

Robin Webb, a spokesman for the Animal Liberation Front, said recently that while people considered Christmas a time for making merry at the expense of other species, animal rights activists thought it time to step up their work. The



Webb: gave a warning of Christmas campaign

battle has brought controversy to the RSPCA and arguments within the activist ranks over, whether their violent tactics are justified.

Last month Ronnie Lee, & co-founder of the Animal Liberation Front, was released from prison after serving seven years of a ten-year sentence for attacks on stores. He said he intended to campaign now using legal methods. One prong of the activist

philosophy has centred on

halting the use of animals for fur clothing, and a longrunning campaign over the past decade has done much to reduce the fur trade. Department stores, fur shops and the fur trade have been fire bombed in recent years and one attack several years ago in the Home Counties caused

£10 million damage.
Activists have also begun to wage war on butchers, meat dealers and factory farmers in support of a vegetarian or vegan section of the campaign. Vehicles have been attacked, farms raided and

shops set alight.

The battle against scientific research has led to bombs placed under the vehicles of researchers, including one in Bristol two years ago which injured a baby near by. The homes of scientists have been raided and laboratories attacked to release animals in raids sometimes carefully filmed for their propaganda

The police response has been a series of successful operations and convictions.

## Howard puts price on emission cuts

BY MICHAEL MCCARTHY

FUEL prices will have to rise regardless of the option chosen by the government to cut Britain's carbon dioxide emissions by the year 2000, a consultation document pubished by Michael Howard. the environment secretary, revealed yesterday.

Britain must reduce its annual carbon dioxide emissions by 10 million tonnes before 2000 to comply with agreements made at the Rio summit in June. The document says that a

tax on fossil fuels, set at \$10 for a barrel of oil, could achieve the entire saving.

Doubling petrol prices could have the same effect, as every 10 per cent increase would save a million tonnes of the gas. An extended programme of energy efficiency might save up to 3.5 million tonnes a year, while setting energy standards for domestic electrical appliances could save 2 million tonnes.

Linking fuel efficiency to the

price of vehicles might save or 2 million tonnes, and speed governors on all new cars could save up to a million tonnes. A further million tonnes could be saved by support for renewable energy

such as wind power.

Asked about his own energy saving commitments, Mr Howard said that he had some energy-saving light bulbs in his Chelsea home and lagging in the roof. The house would shortly be given an energy survey.

Air poliution is a potential-

ly serious health risk to one in five of the population, Friends of the Earth said yesterday (Michael Hornsby writes).
Three out of four sites in

London monitored over an 11-month period showed average nitrogen dioxide levels above EC recommended limits. The group said that the very young, the elderly and people suffering from asthma and other respiratory diseases

## NEWS IN BRIEFA

## Three die in house blaze

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A woman died yesterday in a vain attempt to save the lives of her brother and mother when flames engulfed their home.

Firemen wearing breathing equipment recovered the bodies of Robert Hughes, 26, and Kathleen, 60, from the gutted house in Merthyr Tydfil. Mid

Glamorgan.
Claire Hughes. 25. was taken to Prince Charles hospital but was dead on arrival. Kenneth Duke, 66, a neigh-bour, said: "I could hear Claire shouting for help, calling her brother's name as if she was trying to wake him up. No one had a chance to get into the house. The smoke and flames were so fierce."

#### Lucky find

Nick King, who found £3,000 cash in a plastic bag while walking his dog in Caversham, Berkshire, immediately gave the money to police. It was returned to its owner, an unemployed man who had dropped the bag after setting off on his bike to buy a car.

#### RAF rescue

A woman aged 78 was rescued after a three-car collision by the crew of a passing RAF Sea King helicopter. They helped paramedics and flew her to Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne.

#### 12-hour ordeal

A Brighton woman aged 90 was impaled on a metal hearth for more than 12 hours before being rescued by firemen and taken to hospital with a piece of metal embedded in her leg. Her condition was satisfactory.

#### £7,000 mix-up

Gedling Borough Council, Nottinghamshire, has been ordered by the ombudsman to pay a snail farmer compensation after a mix-up over planning permission that cost him more than £7,000.

#### Doctor loses

Dr Thomas Anderson Mo-Allister of Scotland lost his fight to have his name restored to the medical register after a judgment of the Privy Council's judicial committee.

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## Safer laser surgery operation can correct severe short sightedness

By NIGEL HAWKES

LASER treatment for correcting severe short sight has been launched by a London clinic. The operation, performed under general anaesthetic, in-volves removing a thin disc of material from the cornea, reshaping it with a laser and then replacing it in the patient's eve.

The result is to alter the shape of the comea so that it is able to focus light more accu-

Existing laser operations, which involve removing material from the front of the cornea, are suitable for the mild-to-moderately short-

The new operation, however, is designed for the small number of people who are so short-sighted that it amounts to a disability. There are believed to be

some 200,000 people in Britain who are this seriously short The technique, known as intrastromal keratomileusis, was developed in Italy by Dr Lucio Buratto, an ophthalmic

Under general anaesthetic, a suction ring is placed on the eye and a thin disc of cornea about 8mm in diameter and just under 12 mm thick is cut from the cornea using a rotating blade.

The disc is placed face down on a rubber support and a precise amount of material, calculated from the degree of myopia, is removed from the back using a laser. This produces a beam of ultraviolet light that vaporises tissue. molecules at a time, without damaging the surrounding tissue. The disc is then replaced in the patient's eye and sewn into place.

Recovery is rapid, with no tendency to form scar tissue. Dr Buratto has performed 200 such operations in Italy. and 85 per cent of his patients achieved sight very close to normal.

The treatment has been launched in Britain by the Arnott Ophthalmic Clinic at the Cromwell Hospital, Kensington, west London, which carries it out as day surgery. Stephen Arnott, the clinic's business manager, says the

■ The 200,000 people in Britain who are so short-sighted that it is a disability may be helped by a new laser surgery technique that has produced good results in Italy

corneal grafting. It replaces an older procedure, not much used in Britain, in which the disc removed from the corner was reshaped by freezing and then cutting it with a dis-mond-edge knife.

The laser offers much greater precision," Mr Arnott

The new technique is not intended for the treatment of mild-to-moderate short sight, for which laser sculpting of the

procedure is similar to that of front of the cornea is more suitable. The need for anaesthetic and thearre time makes the new operation more expensive, at £2,500 per eye, roughly double the basic laser

> Normally the clinic would wait three months or so to check that the short sightedness of the first eye has

been successfully corrected before tackling the second. Operations for short sight

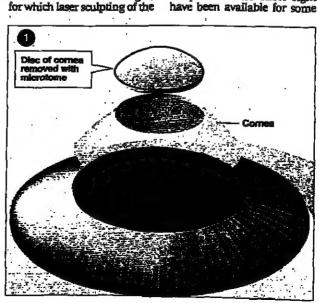
vears. The commonest is radial keratotomy, ploneered in Russia, in which a series of tiny cuts in the comea is made to alter its shape.

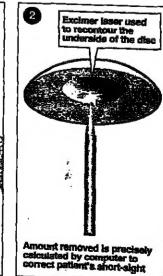
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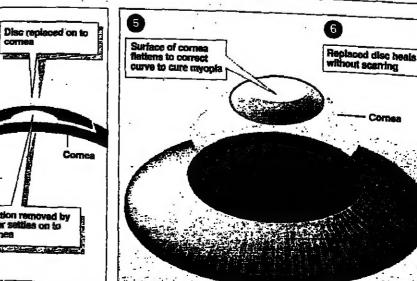
operations have taken place, but most British eye surgeons have preferred to wait for the new laser, which is seen as a safer and more predictable

The new technique does not guarantee to liberate the extremely short-sighted from

For these patients, it's not just a question of wearing glasses, it's the look of the glasses," Mr Arnott says, "For some of them it's like looking through the bottom of a fish-bowl."







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## Top charity bosses are paid more than £60,000

By IAN MURRAY

EXECUTIVES who run Britain's main charities are paid more than £60,000 a year and are provided with a car, according to a survey of 69 voluntary organisations by Reward, a pay review

organisation.
Such high salaries are an exception, however, and involve only the largest charities with the biggest staffs and budgets. The recession is forcing most charities to tighten their belts and shed staff. London pay of the highest grades is still almost 10 per cent below levels of executives with comparable responsibility in the private sector and all the signs are that the gap

Charity workers' pay rose by an average 6 per cent last year, but this was possible only by cutting the number of workers

"The Queen is not alone in feeling that to date 1992 has been an annus horribilis," said Peter Brown, chairman of Charity Appointments recruit-ment agency. "Many volun-tary organisations have found the increasing demand for their services matched by a fall in central and local government grants, and their appeals income has forced them to curtail essential services."

According to Mr Brown, salaries for top charity managers have to be high to recruit executives capable of running organisations with more than 1,000 staff and an annual turnover of more than £50 million. People who can mastermind fund raising and

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resources efficiently do not come cheaply. Mr Brown insists that the recruitment of skilled outsiders has been justified by the way most charities have been able to manage in difficult circumstances.

"Big corporate donors insist on minutely investigating the efficiency of charities they support," Mr Brown said. "If they applied the same kind of standards to their own businesses they would save

The recession is proving to be a bonus for recruitment. Redundant managers are looking to them for work and Mr Brown receives 200 letters a week from executives ready to take pay cuts rather than wait indefinitely for promotion. "They are prepared to be less well paid to feel that they are doing something worth-while. That would never have happened in the mid-1980s."

Charity pay levels traditionally follow those in local government, so next year's pay rises are unlikely to be much above the public sector 1.5 per cent review figure announced in the Autumn Statement.

In consequence, there is every chance that the gap between charity wages and those in other sectors will widen over the next year.

The Reward survey shows that apart from the largest charities, the average pay for a London-based chief executive is £42,000 a year, compared with £50,000 in the private

The gap at middle manage ment rank is, at 30 per cent, far wider, although the need for publicity means that a charity advertisement or public relations manager can expect to earn up to 17 per cent more than his or her counterpart in other sectors.

At the lower secretarial grades, too, the charity worker outside London is over 11 per cent better paid than those doing similar jobs in other

Charities 1992/93 Salary Survey (Reward; £150)



Shipshape: HMS Plymouth, which survived four bombs during the conflict with Argentina in 1982, is in good shape and will return to her public viewing duties in Birkenhead today after spending time in dry dock for

inspection (Michael Evans writes). The frigate, which was bought by the Warship Preservation Trustin April 1990, is regarded as a floating memorial to the sailors who lost their lives in the South Atlantic.

## Tusa warns of threat to World Service

BY MELINDA WITTSTOCK MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Tusa, who retires at Christmas as managing di-rector of the BBC World Service, yesterday called on his successor to fight a proposed £5 million cut in the Foreign Office's contribution to the service.

He said the budget cut, recommended by the Treasury in advance of negotiations next April, would "gravely damage" the World Service by "cutting straight into programmes" and could reduce the range of its language output in 1994.
"It is equivalent to cutting our newsgathering budget in half either that or we would be looking at losing seven hours a week of lan-

guage output."

The total operational budget of the World Service, which celebrates its dia-mond jubilee this weekend, is £133 million.

Although he refused to speculate about his successor, who is not due to be named until next month, Mr Tusa said: "The first job of the next incumbent is to get the £5 million rolled back." Some of the names men-

tioned as possible succes-sors include Baroness Chalker, overseas develop-ment minister, Tony Hall, director of BBC news and current affairs. Peter Jay, BBC economics correspondent and John Simpson, the BBC's foreign editor.

Mr Tusa, a fierce defender of the World Service's independence from government influence during his six-year term, said his other advice for the next managing direc-tor would be to defend the World Service's independence. "The game is up for us if there is a perceived or actual erosion of our independence," he said.

David Witherow, Mr Tusa's deputy, will be con-firmed on Thursday as the interim managing director.

☐ The prime minister, John Major, will be David Frost's first guest on Breakfast With Frost, a new political interview programme for Sunday mornings starting on BBC1 on January 3.

## Solicitors gather tragic cases for legal aid battle

■ The Law Society fears 10 million people will be barred from seeking help with court cases if government cost-cutting goes ahead

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

THE dossier of a young woman whose baby died after her uterus was ruptured in childbirth and whose reproductive organs had to be removed is among the tragic cases sent to the Law Society as it fights government plans to

curb spending on legal aid. The cases have come from firms throughout the country to illustrate the kind of people they believe will be excluded from pursuing legal actions under the proposals to be brought in next April.

The Law Society will put its case this week at a special "teach-in" at the Commons, expected to be attended by about 100 MPs. At the same time the society is thought to be drafting alternative propos-to put to Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Lord Chancellor. These would meet his need to curb soaring costs without excluding possibly 10 million people from the legal aid

The woman bringing a negligence claim over alleged mismanagement in childbirth is one of many personal injury victims who solicitors say would not be able to proceed under the present proposals. Her solicitor, Richard Barcan of Barcan Woodward, said he had dealt with hundreds of people who had been granted legal aid for whom he had recovered substantial damages and costs in full. "Neither the client nor the public purse is any worse in respect of costs," he said.

"I am convinced that a very high proportion of those contributing clients would not have proceeded with their in the absence of the legal aid scheme and I am sure that considerable injustice will be the result of reducing legal aid eligibility to income support levels."

He said the woman was not wealthy and despite the clearest evidence of negligence, he doubted that she would have thought it worthwhile pursuing a claim with-out legal aid, bearing in mind

the potentially huge costs. In the context of personal injury claims, he said, the only winners would be the insurance industry.

In another case, which the In another case, which the solicitors Newsome Vaughan of Coventry say would also be put at risk by the proposals, a woman became infected with HIV from her husband as a result of negligent advice from a medical consultant. The claim was hotly contested and it was expected to run to a fiveday trial. In the end it settled

shortly before trial. Peter Jones, her solicitor said: "Had the client been liable to pay a contribution over a long period of time sbe may not have been able to do so. She is working, not on a particularly high income, and her husband is seriously ill

Such professional negligence cases are often complex involve substantial sums and run for several years.

Another case, sent in by Foster Wells, solicitors in Aldershot, highlights the con-cern that defendants are often charged "where there is not really sufficient evidence, on the basis that the police feel

that the court should decide".

James Corfield, 17, was charged with being in charge of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. He had been to a nightchib with friends and, knowing that he should not drive home, went to sleep in the car. He was woken by police banging on the window and taken for a

He obtained legal aid and two days before trial the case was discontinued. His solicitor, Roger Hayman-Start, said that under new guidance to magistrates' courts he would not have obtained legal

Without the benefit of legal advice, there is an overwhelming temptation to plead guilty simply to get the matter out of the way or simply because of ignorance of the law," Hayman-Start said.

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## Pollution-free zone scheme to protect underground water

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE underground water sup-plies of England and Wales are to be systematically protected from the increasing threats of pollution and over-abstraction, the National Rivers Authority announced

yesterday.

Hundreds of protection zones are to be established around groundwater sources such as boreholes, springs and wells in which farmers, industrialists, waste disposal contractors, developers and planning authorities will be encouraged to restrict activities that could contaminate

supplies.

If the voluntary approach proves insufficient, the authority may seek to make the zones. which could cover thousands of acres, statutory areas in which developments that pose a threat could be banned

Abstractions by water com-panies which cause rivers and

streams to dry up will be forbidden. Drawing of sup-plies will be permitted only as long as there is "no unaccept-able detriment to any water-

The authority said yesterday that groundwater, which provides 35 per cent of drinking water, is increasingly at risk of contamination both from the disposal of waste materials and from the widespread use of potentially polluting chemi-cals in industry and

agriculture.

The authority has mapped all English and Welsh underground reservoirs, or aquifers, according to their vulnerability to pollution, which is determined by the natural characteristics of the soil and the rocks underneath. There are estimated to be 2,000 major public supply sources, with many more private

The first 750 source protec-

tion zones, covering about half the drinking water sources in England and Wales, are expected to be defined by August

next year. Jan Pentreath, the authority's chief scientist, said: The quality and quantity of groundwater must be protected. It is a vital water resource which is extremely difficult and expensive to clean up once it has been an once it has been an once it has been a compared to the it becomes polluted, so the main message of the policy is that prevention is better than

> Polluted groundwater, the authority says, is difficult if not impossible to rehabilitate, with the process of self-purifi-cation, which takes days or weeks in rivers or lakes, likely to take decades underground. Policy and practice for the protection of groundwater (National Rivers Authority, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE85

4ET; £15)

## **South Pole** team cover 380 miles

By A STAFF REPORTER

SIR Ranulph Fiennes is al most halfway to the South Pole and is making good progress in his attempt to make the first unaided cross-

ing of Antarctica.

After 35 days of the expedition, Sir Ranulph, 48, and his companion Dr Michael Stroud, 37, have completed almost 380 miles of their

2,200-mile trek David Harrison, the expedition spokesman, said that apart from the odd blister and occasional backache caused by pulling their sledges, which weigh 400lb, there had been no serious hitch so far.

The pair, who hope to raise 2 million for charity, are halfway up the Antarctic plateau, having climbed 5,000ft with the steepest part behind them. They are scheduled to reach the South Pole within 70 days and have allowed just over 100 days to complete the journey to Scott Base."

The men are trying to keep ahead of Erling Kagge, a lawyer from Norway who is attempting the same feat. He left late because of bad weather but hopes to make up lost time and overtake his rivals. Mr Harrison said:

"Ramulph and Michael are absolutely fine. The messages that are coming back on a daily basis are positive. They say that they are really going for it. In a couple of days we expect them to be halfway to

"They have had a lot of backsche in the early stages. Michael Stroud had a bit of a problem with his heel and his Achilles tendon but he has treated that Judging by the mileage they are making that is not causing any delay. They are still on schedule.

A hig fund-raising cam-paign is under way, including elevision, press and poster advertisements. The organisers hope that the venture will raise about £2 million for the Multiple Scierosis Society of

Mr Harrison said: "Raising money at the moment is hard work for everybody. One has to put an awful lot of work into it. It is going pretty well but it is difficult to put figures on it."





Epic journey: Japan may lead the world in new technology, but Britain can still show the Orient a thing or two about steam age engineering. Today a steam locomotive built by the Ravenglass & Eskdale Engineering Company will leave Cumbria bound for a railway line on the other side of the world outside Tokyo. The company was sought out by the creators of the Niji-No-Sato leisure park near the Jananese capital to build a park near the Japanese capital to build a narrow gauge engine as an attraction.

Yesterday, the eight-ton locomotive was named Cumbria by Viscount Whitelaw, and handed over to Masaru Nagae, one of the Japanese leisure centre officials. After the Japanese leisure centre officials. After the ceremony the engine pulled a train up the track, which runs from the Cumbrian seaport of Ravenglass deep into the Lake District hillside along the valley of the River Esk. The railway opened in 1875 and was the first public narrow-gauge track in the

## Love letters to Elizabeth I fail to attract a buyer

By Sarah Jane Checkland, art market correspondent

LETTERS to Elizabeth I from the favourite that she later had executed failed to sell at an auction in London

Sotheby's initially offered the 43 letters from the Earl of Essex to his "most fayr, most deere, and most excellent" Elizabeth I to the British Library, which had kept them on loan since 1945. But the library said yesterday that the price was too high. "We took commercial advice and that came in at a lot less," a spokesman said. "The fee was not negotiable."

Only two other lots at the ten-lot sale found buyers. The first, knocked down at £5,500, was a single letter from Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester. He was the queen's favourite before Lord Essex, and in the letter he talks coyly of not hearing from her. The second lot, a letter from Sir Francis Bacon to Lord Essex, sold at £13,000.

The unsold letters refer to many of the Earl of Essex's exploits, such as his unsuccessful attempt to capture the Spanish treasure fleet. Written in what one contem-

porary called Essex's "ragged Roman hande" they also reflect the earl and queen's tempestuous relationship, switching in mood from the reproachful to the defiant.

There is now speculation that the vendors, believed to be descendants of the family that founded the Hulton Picture Library, may go back to the British Library and lower their price or ask that the letters be loaned again. Hinda Rose of Maggs

Brothers, a leading London



Earl of Essex: wrote in

manuscript dealer, suggested that the lack of interest was due to fears among potential overseas buyers about a gov-ernment export ban. The £400,000 to £500,000 estimate for the letters from Lord Essex to his queen was "an awful lot of money in

There was not a single bid." Roy Davids of Sotheby's said he did not believe the were overpriced because they were "one of the most important consignments" he had offered.

The auction house had more success with letters from the literary collection of Jeffrey Young, a private London-based collector, Charlotte Brontë's letter to her publishers offering them what became her most famous book, Jane Eyre, sold for £66,000. double the estimate. Lord Nelson's first letter to

French fleet I shall do myself the honor of paying my respects to Your Ladyship."

Lady Hamilton fetched £9,350. It includes the line:

"As soon as I have fought the

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## Experts call for end to Dickensian view of bankruptcy

CALLS for Britain to move away from the Little Dorrit view of bankruptcy and take a more helpful and less punitive approach to people in finan-cial difficulties have been made by MPs and insolvency

They believe that more businesses and jobs could be saved if anxious creditors and desperate company directors avoided the rush to bankruptcy that has engulfed a record number of people this year.

They are also demanding a review of the costs involved in bankruptcy, and the fees charged by insolvency practi-tioners, who have been ac-cused, as The Times disclosed yesterday, of profiteering from

John McQueen, chief executive of the Bankruptcy Associ-ation, said: "A blanket law which treats everyone in finan-cial trouble as a crook is totally inappropriate in the current economic climate. There are still people running around

■ People whose businesses face collapse deserve to be given professional help and guidance rather than be treated as crooks

ripping off creditors and they should feel the full force of the law. But there should be different provisions for ordinary hardworking entrepre-neurs whose firms fail through no fault of their own."

Steve Hill, a senior partner in Cork Gully, Britain's big-gest insolvency firm, said that although we were "limping decade by decade away from the Little Dorrit idea of insolvency," there was still the attitude that insolvency was the death of the business with the insolvency practitioner being seen as the undertaker.

He called on the govern-ment to introduce legislation similar to the Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection laws in the United States and to encourage lenders to pecialise, as the Americans do, in helping bankrupt

> "Just because a businessman has made a mistake it does not mean that he has no future or that his business can only be successful under new management," Mr Hill said.

done wrong and a lot would

Alan Simpson, the Labour MP for Nottingham South, who has taken up the case of a plumber bankrupted for a £2,000 VAT bill, urged the government to give regional bodies more powers to help small businesses in difficulty.

Assistance should be available from county council economic development units and the trade department's regional offices, he said. "People who have a stake in the local economy make much better decisions than receivers or liquidators with no on-going

insolvency firm in west London, demanded more support for individual voluntary arrangements that allow a person facing bankruptcy to continue in business and agree a timetable for debt repayment with his creditors.

This is the best way to proceed if a businessman still has some funds and some future, because it guarantees the creditors some money," he said. "If he goes into bankruptcy, they may get nothing after statutory charges are imposed by the trade depart-ment and the insolvency practitioner's fees are paid.

Mr Franses joined MPs, including Frank Field, who has led the parliamentary investigation into the missing Maxwell pension funds, and Keith Vaz. who has campaigned for BCCI creditors, in calling for tighter controls on insolvency fees. The MPs want Parliament to have the wer to examine fees charged by firms involved in sorting out major insolvencies.

Mr Franses also wants insolvency firms to be paid a percentage of the funds they obtain instead of for the time they take. "If you charge by the hour, your costs will always be open to question and creditors will never know what their dividend is likely to be," he

Mr McQueen would prefer to see a world without insolvency practitioners. He called instead for an extension of voluntary arrangements for those willing to try to discharge their debts.

He also believes that administration orders, which are imposed by courts to force people with debts of less than E5,000 to make regular payments to creditors, should be extended to cover far larger

## Fairy godmother who soothes away the pain

THE story of how Bjorn and acted out before informal Greta Luzz staved off bank- gatherings of lawyers and ruptcy has been devised by insolvency experts to show that there is a less painful alternative for people who face busi-

In a performance that includes a godfather and fairy godmother, the Luzas are portrayed as Italian restaurant owners who set up in London after being forced to leave

The story was devised by Ian Franses, head of a west London insolvency firm. It tells how the Luzas enjoyed two successful years before the recession and an unwise investment in a protection racket left them with debts to suppliers and investors of £144,000.

A creditor petitions for bankruptcy when the drop in property values has left no equity in their home or restau-

equity in their home or restaurant and all they can raise by selling assets is £21,250.

By the time the trade department's statutory bankruptcy charges, the receiver's fees and the preferential creditors have been paid, just £1,995 is left to provide unsecured creditors with a dividend of 1.4p for every pound owed. every pound owed. But in the performance,

accountants, Mr Franses app ears in the guise of a fairy

godmother. "If Mr and Mrs Luza are made bankrupt, they will find it difficult to run their business as they will be unable to obtain credit from suppliers and there will be a minimal dividend for creditors," declares.

But if they are allowed to stay in business and make an individual voluntary arrangement to pay off as much debt as possible over three years, the creditors will benefit. Relatives will forgo their claims to see the couple spared the stigma of bankruptcy and Mr Franses's 10 per cent of the funds raised will be less than half the charges involved in bankruptcy.

bankruptcy.

The creditors will end up with 25p for every £1 lost but three out of four must agree to the voluntary arrangement before it can be approved.

In a resounding climax to the play, Mr Franses wins the day. He said: "It is designed as a bit of fun, but like most plays it has a manufactured. it has a message: that it is more profitable for everyone to give businesses in trouble a chance

The way it isn't E-HAIR BHOWN



museum curators. At the weekend, I enjoyed a stroll around the art collection of the Imperial War Museum, a visit greatly enhanced by my luck in chatting to a wery enthusiastic attendant. He was happy to guide me round, filling me in on historical detail and drawing to my attention drawing to my attention both the weak points of Nash and the strong points of Nevinson, of whom I had of Nevinson, of whom I had previously known nothing.

Before long, we arrived in front of a small sculpture by Charles Sargeant Jagger. "I'll bet you didn't know this," he said, "but Charles Sargeant Jagger Charles Sargeant Jagger was the great uncle of Mick

lagger. Imagine it! The

greatest sculptor we've ever produced, and he's Mick

produced, and he's Mick Jagger's great uncle."

I looked at him with a semi-sceptical expression, but I could see from his face that he was telling the truth. I love these bizarre family connections, and this one seemed to be up there with the best of them there with the best of them. rivalling even Dame Margaret Rutherford being the great aunt of Tony Benn. That Mick Jagger came

round here with a group of friends the other day," con-tinued the curator, "and he was telling them the big-gest load of rubbish about him, but there he was. spouting off. So in the end I saw red, and I said to him. You must be grateful that at least there's been one talented member of the Jagger family!

Jagger, it seems, was not best pleased by this remark storming off in a tantrum "Amazing." con-cluded the curator, "he must be worth millions, but with all that money he still can't get a decent crease in

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## Summit success gives the upper hand to pro-Europe Tories

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

TORY Euro-enthusiasts displayed new-found confidence in the wake of the Edinburgh summit yesterday as they called on John Major to push the Maastricht ratification bill through the Commons as quickly as possible.

The prime minister was given a warm reception from Fory MPs as he told them that the summit had brought the EC together again with a common purpose and reached decisions on issues considered by many as "insoluble".

After months in which the Tory Euro-sceptics have held sway in the internal party debate, the pro-European wing was firmly in the ascendant yesterday as Mr Major was given an easy ride by critics on both sides who found little ammunition in the Edin-

burgh agreement.
Although Mr Major was non-committal in response to pressure for an acceleration of the Maastricht process, senior ministers are growing more hopeful that if the Danish second referendum results in a "Yes" vote, Britain will be able to move towards ratification before the Commons rises for the summer recess in July. He was cheered as he said that making a success of EC membership was not a matter of idealism but of "hard-headed self interest". He told MPs that the growth initiative pro-posed by the summit could support up to £24 billion

Throughout hour-long Commons exchanges he

the imminent negotiations to enlarge the EC, a priority of the British presidency, and added: "What underpinned all our discussions at Edin-burgh was the belief that the Community should continue to go ahead together as 12, not

I I, not ten, not any other number, until such time as the Community is enlarged."

John Smith, the Labour leader, welcomed the agreements on enlargement and the Danish ratification of Maastricht. He insisted that action against unemployment was the most important test of the Community's relevance and said it remained a matter of "concern and regret" that this had been consistently downgraded during the British presidency. With unemployment in Britain "rising twice as fast as in any other EC country", and that across the EC expected to rise above 11 per cent, "should not the recovery of economic growth and the stimulation of employ

objective of this summit?"

Mr Smith said: "Given the appalling prospect of sharply rising unemployment, why was there no proposal for an emergency employment programme right across the whole Community." He are whole Community?" He accused the government of "deissues during its presidency, but claimed the signs now were that "despite the foolish chapter appears to be alive

ment have been a crucial

emphasised the importance of and well and fully supported by all other member states".

The prime minister's forecast of £24 billion new investment was "highly optimistic", contrasting with Commission forecasts that investment in the EC would be £32 billion below normal levels next year, Mr Smith said.

Mr Smith said.

Mr Major accused Mr Smith of a "mealy-mouthed and nit-picking" response. He said the Opposition leader, and the shadow foreign secretary, Dr John Cunningham, had spent weeks "disparaging the British presidency". But "the heads of the governments "the heads of the governments that deal with us have praised the outcome of this summit". He told Mr Smith that "opposition for its own sake is not opposition of any value. You talk about Europe, but you vote against it, speak against it and act against it."

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## Confusion over pit closures

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

A PICTURE of confusion and misunderstanding between the government and British Coal emerged yesterday as MPs pressed senior industry figures over proposed pit

The Commons employment select committee, which is examining the employment consequences of the closures. repeatedly asked Neil Clarke, British Coal's chairman, and senior colleagues why Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, had not been in-volved in discussions over the planned loss of 30,000 min-

ing jobs.
Michael Coffey, Mr Clarke's former adviser, said that meetings had not been arranged because Mrs Shep-hard's office had declared a previous meeting with Mich-ael Howard, the former employment secretary, "a waste of time". The government reac-tion had caused "surprise and dismay" at British Coal, he said. Mrs Shephard told the committee last week that no such indication had been given by her department.

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## Recovery fails to take hold

BY SHETLA GUNN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

NORMAN Lamont admitted vesterday that, despite promising signs, economic recovery has failed to take hold. Although reluctant to make fresh predictions about an early end to the recession, the Chancellor insisted that the scene was now set for recovery and growth. Britain, he said, could look forward to 1993 as

a "year of progress".
Writing in The House magazine, the parliamentary jour-nal, Mr Lamont said that the magic ingredient needed to spark recovery was confidence. "Chancellors cannot create confidence. Animal spirits cannot be summoned up by government fiat," he added.
"But I can create the right conditions for confidence to revive." Dropping his custom-ary caution, he said that he believed the right economic environment was now in place to bring about an end to the

"We have the lowest interest rates in the European Community, competitive tax rates ecomomy. The scene is set for recovery and growth."

## Labour budget cuts threaten HQ staff

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

STAFF at Labour party headquarters will be reduced by 25 per cent under proposals for swingeing cuts in the party's budget which are to be put to the national executive committee tomorrow. The plans include closing three of the nine regional offices, with the loss of 10 to 12 jobs.

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The final report from the has been asked to reduce the Fo million annual budget by a third, says that the headquarters staff for the years between elections should be cut from 120 to 90. Redundancies will be avoided in most cases because many posts have been frozen since the general election, although some people will be offered early retirement. The proposal to cut regional offices by a third is likely to be met by fierce opposition, however, as many MPs and party workers argue for more resources at the

grassroots level. Some members of the NEC are also expected to oppose a proposal to double MPs' contribution to the party to 2 per cent of their salary, arguing that this is particularly unfair when MPs' salaries are being frozen next year. This measure alone would raise £190,000 a year. The report also proposes cutting back its glossy docu-ments and holding all confer-ences — except the annual party conference - every two

The 100-page finance report will also suggest that £10 million should be set aside for million should be set aside for campaigning in the next general election. A new fund, the national organising fund, is to be set up with the aim of raising fl.6 million a year. It will open next year with an £800,000 contribution from party funds and will try to attract resources from local fundraising and donations. The party will also be more agressive about fundraising

The report will also recommend setting up pilot projects in 30 constituencies to look at ways of increasing party membership. Present trends indi-cate that individual membership will fall below 200,000 and union-affiliated membership by one million to 3.6 million within four years. The projects will look at the success of telephone canvassing, doorstep campaigning and reducing membership

#### In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: education; prime minister. Timetable motion on the education bill. Civil service (management functions) bill, remaining stages. Lords (2.30): British Coal and British Rail (transfer proposals) bill, report.

## Benn takes on the House of Windsor

By Jonathan Prynn

The twin constitutional dilemmas posed by the Maastricht treaty and the royal family's problems has given a new lease of life to the republican instincts of Tony Benn.

The former Labour cabinet minister yesterday reintroduced a bill in the Commons that aims to abolish the constitutional "roadblock" of the crown and introduce sweeping reforms of Britain's constitutional architecture.

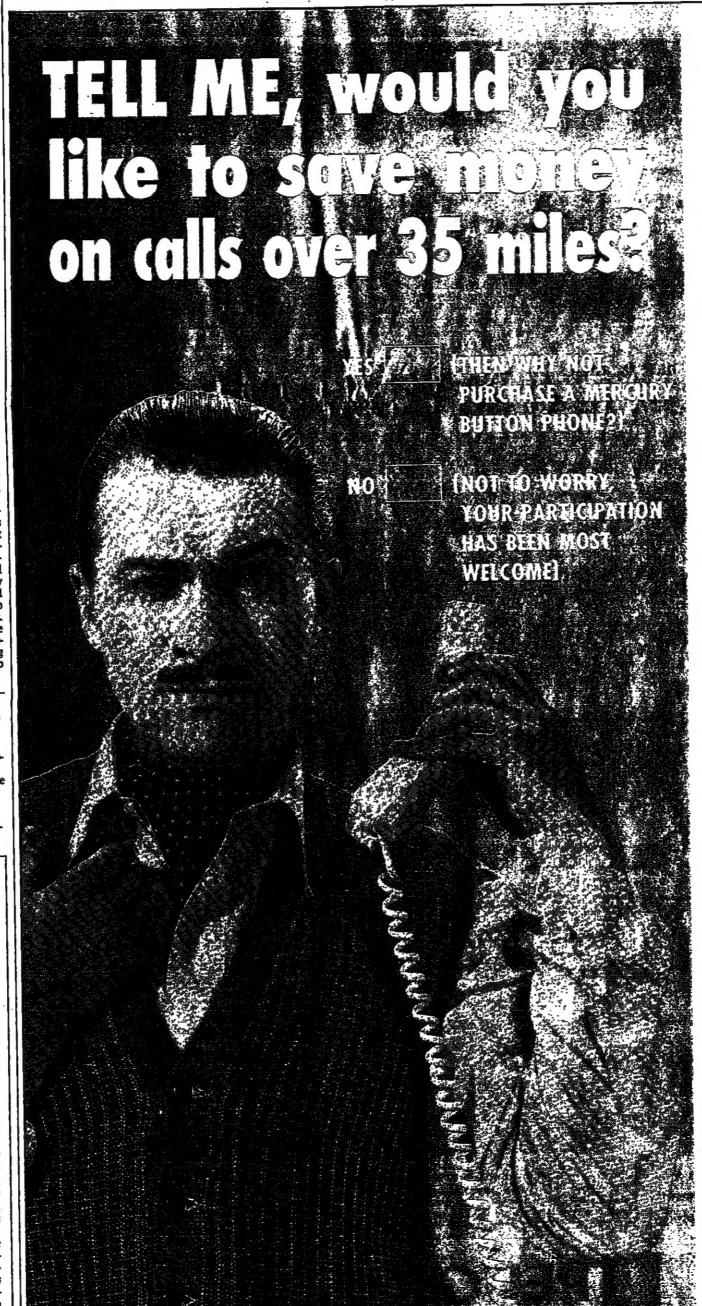
Mr Benn's measure, the Commonwealth of Britain bill, was originally presented to Parliament last year. Although the bill is due for its second reading on January 29, it has no chance of making further parliamen-tary progress. However it has been given new relevance by the debate over

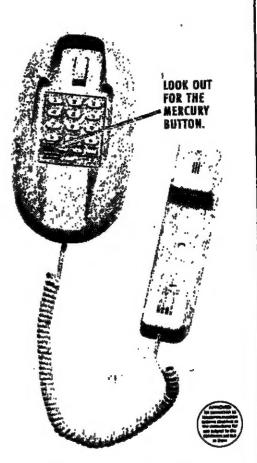
the future of the monarchy. At a Westminster press conference yesterday, Mr Benn said that public servants' "feudal relationship with the sovereign" meant that the British system of government allowed "very

little rights for ordinary people". The Maastricht treaty gave the question of the monarchy's future a new twist, he said, because it would give the Queen a vote as a European citizen in European elections, opening the possibility of Buckingham Palace being canvassed during Euro-pean election campaigns.

t his press conference, AMr Benn adopted a surprisingly genial stance towards the House of Windsor. His bill, while sweeping away the royal prerogative, would allow the royal family to live in comfort. Hereditary titles would also survive.

The bill would introduce an elected presidency, national parliaments for Eng-land, Scotland and Wales and a referendum on electoral reform. It would also reduce the voting age to 16, dis-establish the Church of England, end British jurisiction in Northern Ireland and introduce a charter of rights.





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## Yeltsin forced to let ideological enemy control the government

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

THE crack in Boris Yeltsin's usually booming voice when he announced that he was abandoning his campaign to keep Yegor Gaidar, the radical reform economist, at the head of his government was the most poignant indicator of the impact of yesterday's election of Viktor Chernomyrdin as

The rise of Mr Chernomyrdin, former Soviet gas minister and a disciple of the main opposition Civic Union which aims to slow the reform process, is the Russian leader's nightmare come true. It leaves him with an ideological foe running the government and his strategy in tatters.Mr Yeltsin's survival, and the continuation of recognisable reform, are now in jeopardy.

Mr Yeltsin looked downcast and hesirant as he read out a barely coherent statement. "I remain committed to Yegor Timurovich [Gaidar]. He could be the best choice. After we spoke, he did not directly withdraw his candidature but with his consent I considered

President Yeltsin has had to give in to Congress time and again. The rejection of his protégé, Yegor Gaidar, is turning even his strongest supporters against him

Mr Gaidar promptly an-nounced that he was leaving the government in a statement whose tone left no doubt about his fears for the future of reform. "I do not want to interfere with [Chernomyrdin's] ... efforts to carry out the policies which he

deems necessary," he said.

The new prime minister lost no time in making clear that he represents a substantial shift away from present poli-cies. To loud applause he spoke of the need to "end the deadlock" between government and opposition and said that reform must not continue at the expense of impoverishment of the Russian people. As he left the Kremlin, a despondent Mr Gaidar commented that he saw "no way reforms could continue" under the new prime minister.

With over 400 votes against his candidate, Mr Yeltsin did not have the confidence to take his planned "escape route" of leaving Mr Gaidar as acting head of government until

"I think that this is a catastrophe," said Gleb Yakunin, a prominent radical. deputy. "Chernomyrdin is a symbol of slowing down, of applying a brake to the

Mr Chemomyrdin, 54, received over two thirds of Congress votes, well over the number needed to ensure his appointment. Only 172 of the 1,064 deputies voted against the move. Earlier in the day the assembly had placed him second choice behind Yuri Skokov, the head of the security council and considered even more conservative than Mr Chernomyrdin. Mr Yeltsin insisted on Mr Chernomyrdin's appointment as the

The new prime minister joined the government in May

lesser of two evils.



slow down reforms

as one of a clutch of deputy prime ministers with responsibility for the energy sector, an appointment viewed at the time as a pre-emptive concession towards the industrial lobby which was pressing for greater state protection against the impact of promarket reforms.

His statement that he is pro-reform but against the impov-erishment of the people is more significant than its superficial blandness suggests.

an ideology in which the state is accorded a major role in the transition to the market, in effect inhibiting the process by keeping open unprofitable enterprises and staving off the mass-unemployment which would be an inevitable sideeffect of radical changes in the economic structure.

His appointment will deeply concern the IMF and Western governments and investors. since the corollary to Civic Union's policies of loosening monetary controls and increasing state credits and investment is the risk of hyperinflation.

Arms sales: Igor Roga

chev, the Russian ambassador to China, said in Peking yesterday that Russia will continue to sell arms to China to raise hard currency but it was aware of the need "to keep balance in the Asia Pacific region" (Catherine Sampson

Last year, China bought 24 SU27 fighter jets from the Soviet Union, and there is speculation that it is now hoping for a deal involving MiG aircraft.



MAN IN THE NEWS

## An optimist felled by vested interests

BY ANNE MCELVOY

YEGOR Gaidar yesterday lost his battle to be confirmed as Russian prime minister and with it his fight to keep the country on the path of radical reform on which he embarked

At 37 he was the youngest member of Boris Yeltsin's reform team and a symbol of the hopes that Russia could make a rapid leap from a command to a market economy. He was dogged throughout by a recalcitrant bureaucracy, an ideological backlash and his excessive optimism about how much his countrymen were prepared to suffer

for reform.

Mr Gaidar's role as the architect of radical change catapulted him from obscurity. to a celebrity second only to Mr Yeltsin. But it placed on him the burden of the reform programme's failures and made him the focus of the opposition too scared to confront the president himself but baying with growing confi dence for liberal blood.

Both his grandfathers were well-known writers active in the ideological debates that followed the 1917 revolution. His great-grandfather led a Bolshevik Cheka (secret service) unit and was later a rear-

A graduate of Moscow University's economics faculty, where he was considered an outstanding student, he beof Sciences. Institute of Economic Policy in 1991. He was treated as an economic enfant terrible by the establishment

after he responded to Mikhail Gorbachev's appeal for emerwhen President Yeltsin took power, intent on a mondrastic start to the reforms that had failed under his predecessor. Mr Gaidar entered the government in November 1991, entrusted with sole responsibility for economic policy. Heavily influenced by Jeffrey Sachs, a Harvard eco-International Monetary Fund's support with a reform strategy emphasising price stabilisation, a balanced bud-

get and tight monetary policy. He showed some naivety in trying to apply textbook economic models to a complex and chaotic situation. Mr Yeltsin fought long and hard to keep him, but his intemperate outburst against Congress last week backfired, and Mr



Gaidar: became focus

## Cold war spoof tests Western resolve

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor AND BRUCE CLARKE IN MOSCOW

IN A high-risk attempt to draw attention to the anti-Western nationalism of President Yeltsin's enemies, Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian foreign minister, yesterday gave a 45-minute speech to the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe that could have come straight from

the Cold war era. Expressing Slavic soli-darity with Serbia and demanding an end to sanctions against the Serbs and threatening the indepen-dent republics of the former Soviet Union, he told the 52-nation gathering in Stockholm that Moscow might use military force and economic pressure to reassert its domination throughout the former Soviet Union. He said Russia had to defend its interests

"by all available means". After a short pause, Mr Kozyrev said that neither he nor Mr Yeltsin stood by a word of what he had said; it was a spoof of the kind of speech that would have been given had the extreme nationalists triumphed in Moscow, and represented the views they are trying to impose. "I did it for the most serious reasons so that you should all be

aware of the real threats on our road to a post-communist Europe." he said. The point being made

needed no explanation in Moscow. An influential and growing section of Russia's political class feels the country has become too compliant in its international behaviour. It favours a much harder line in dealings with the West and other former Soviet republics, as well as a revival of links with traditional friends, such as Serbia. India and possibly Iraq. As the minister himself observed, the contents of

his outburst could have been taken verbatim from the public comments of his political rivals. Indeed, they largely reflected what passes as "mainstream" thinking in the Congress of People's Deputies. Ironically, even as Mr

Kozyrev was making his spoof call for "tough discussions" on a new grouping of former Soviet states, the Congress voted overwhelmingly to support the idea of a confederation of the old republics. The legislature also voted on Saturday to consider demands for an end to the UN imposed sanctions against Serbia.



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Americans at

odds over

disarmament

in Somalia

proving as simple as protecting food convoys. Washington politicians and troops on the

FROM SAM KILEY IN BAIDOA

have the centres of the Inter-

national Committee of the

Red Cross, Irish Concern and

adopted their now standard procedure of surrounding

themselves with extra guards and laying ambushes for technicals in preparation for

another night of looting, Ital-

ian soldiers and men from the

American 10th Mountain Di-

vision landed in Mogadishu,

In the countryside, which

has been sown with anti-tank

mines during fighting be-

tween rival clans during the

past year, the atmosphere was calm. "All the technicals who

used to trouble us are now on

their best behaviour and have fled into the bush where they

are hiding from the Ameri-

cans," Dahir Aden, mayor of

Eso, a village ten miles from the front, said.

Conor Cruise O'Brien,

the Somali capital.

While aid workers last night

the Irish charity, Goal.

Silencing the guns of Baidoa is not

front line are heading for a policy clash

TENSION between Somalis

and American troops grew

yesterday after senior US

officials issued conflicting

statements about whether their troops would be used to

disarm gunmen as well as to escort food convoys in the

famine-stricken south of the

Lawrence Eagleburger, the

Secretary of State, confirmed at the weekend that an agree-

ment had been reached with the United Nations that the

28,000 American soldiers, as

well as contingents from other

countries, would be used to

"pacify" Somalia while distrib-

uting food aid. Last night

Lieutenant General Robert

Johnston, the marine commander of Operation Restore Hope, insisted that disarma-

ment of the thousands of

gunmen and their heavily

armed Jeeps, known as

"technicals", was not part of his mission. The notion that

you can disarm Somalia is an

enormous challenge," he said.

famine belt where 100 people

have been dying each day, aid

workers were in no doubt

about what foreign troops

should do when they come to

the city. "There is no way that

the operation could be success-

ful in the long term unless the

guns are taken out of circula-

tion," Lockten Morrissey,

head of Care International,

which distributes relief from

the UN World Food Pro-

gramme, said. The Care

houses and compounds have

In Baidoa, the centre of the

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## 'Humanitarian colonialism' looms over Africa

By SAM KILE

COBRA belicopter gunships smacking the air overhead and zooming 20ft above the ground behind Somali battle wagons have been a breathtaking and welcome sight since their arrival in

Mogadishu.

However, after the initial thrill of seeing venal teenage gunmen whose looting atrocities have stymied relief efforts since the country collapsed into anarchy, questions must be asked about the aims of the operation, and how these can be achieved. The answers could affect the continent.

The commander of the operation, US Marine Lieutenant General Robert Johnston, and Robert Oakley, Washington's envoy to Somalia, insisted yesterday that the aims of the deployment of 28,000 men, which will be completed in a week or so, are strictly "humanitarian". They said that the soldiers, told to use whatever force is necessary to protect themselves and food convoys, will do no more than that.

On the ground American officials insist that their troops will not carry out a disarmament programme and that the division will not stay much beyond a month. One can only hope that they are being economical with the truth and that Lawrence Eagleburger, the Secretary of State, was more open when he said that the American mission would be to "pacify" Somalia.

Aid workers are in agreement that to withdraw so soon would achieve little. "There is no way that you can pull out of here and just clear off after a month. If an intervention force is going to be useful, then it has to stay here until the country has been sorted out. If the US were to go after a month the whole place would just collapse again," said Lockten Morrissey, head of Care International in Baidoa.

Aid workers agree that if anything is to be achieved beyond alleviating the famine, the solution must be coupled with a programme to confiscate the thousands of is not properties.

Advance notice: a youth in Baidoa holding up a leaflet dropped by American planes, which shows a US Marine shaking hands with a Somalian in a peace gesture. The American-led protection force, numbering more than 4,000, has been largely welcomed by Somalis

guns in circulation. Thus, the American forces, supported by troops from six countries, must have a mandate that allows them to stay longer. This may be the secret agenda of the Americans and the United Nations.

An announcement over the weekend that US Marines would start snatching weapons from ragged teenagers would precipitate a backlash that would that many American soldiers would return home in body bags.

After assuring Somalis that

After assuring Somalis that an indefinite recolonisation is not planned, the Amerian the narrow brief. The ma-

cans would be better advised to gather in the guns, possibly paying \$100 (£64) for each weapon, followed by house-to-house searches and sweeps with metal detectors for the thousands buried.

This appears to be what the

Somalia it must be prepared

for the thousands buried. This appears to be what the its silence on yesterday's "invasion". This is because American commanders are planning and they have been the continent is crumbling embarrassed by politicians' under tribal pressures caused revelations that a disarmaby boundaries drawn with a ment programme is the only disregard for ethnicity by the way to guarantee the security outgoing colonial powers. If of relief workers and convoys, the international community and that means troops will wants to head off catastrophes on a scale matching

to say that some countries are incapable of governing themselves, or are putting citizens at risk, and troops should be sent in.

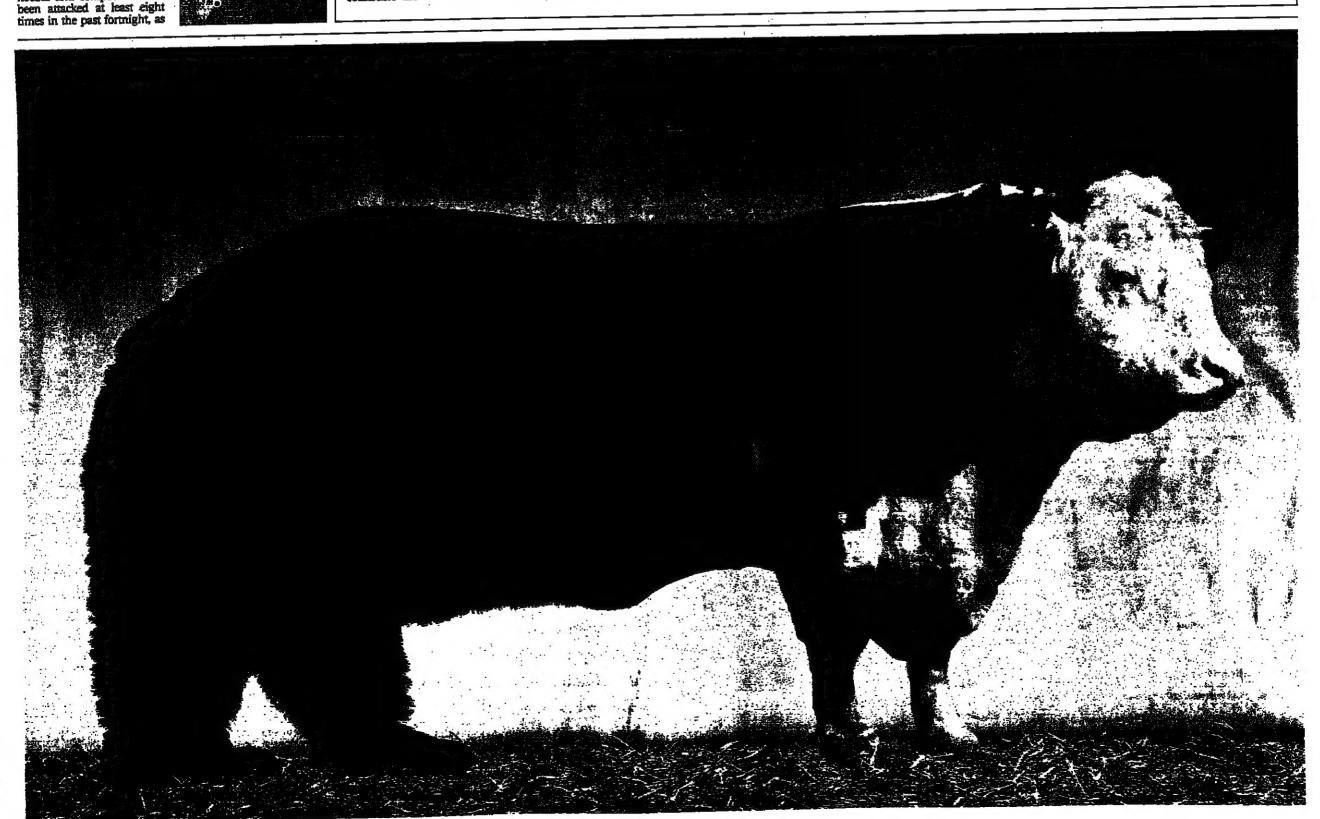
This seems to be the thinking of Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, who has asked for troops to be sent to Angola and Mozambique to separate the sides in their civil wars. But is the world ready for "humanitarian colonialism"? If not, it had better brace itself for some gruesome television next year.

☐ New York: Somalia's gunwielding clansmen are invariably described as "drugcrazed" on television, and the evil properties of khat, the narcotic shoot chewed by most Somali men, are seen as another reason for curbing their power. There are signs that khat, which contains a mild amphetamine, may be catching on in ghettos (Ben

Macintyre writes).

In parts of Harlem and Queens, khat can be bought openly for about \$30 a kilo. "It's like cocaine," one drug dealer told The New York Times, "but it doesn't give you that rush and it seems to stain your teeth."

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## Murder forces Iraqis to lie low

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

SEVERAL Iraqi dissidents and their families have been placed under armed guard in Jordan and others have gone into hiding after last week's assassina-tion in the capital, Amman, of a nuclear scientist

from Baghdad. Two Iraqis, one alleged to be a senior intelligence agent, are to face trial for the murder which has angered Amman and spread fear among opponents of President Saddam Hussein's regime waiting in the capital for visas. The victim, Muayad Hassan Naji al-Janabi, had applied for a visa to visit Britain and planned

to resettle in Libya. The assassination has deepened the rift between Jordan and Iraq King Husain had already distanced himself Baghdad.

## West Bank sealed off in search for kidnapped Israeli

■ A Palestinian group opposed to Arafat is trying to wreck the peace talks. An Israeli policeman's life hangs in the balance

FROM BEN LYNFIELD IN JERUSALEM

ISRAELI troops last night sealed off the occupied West Bank and began to make mass arrests in a hunt for Muslim fundamentalists threatening to kill an Israeli policeman they had taken

The fate of kidnapped Sergeant Major Nissim Toledano. 29, was unknown almost a day after the deadline the extremist gunmen had set for Israel to free their leader. Shaikh Ahmed Yassin, founder of the Hamas Islamic resistance movement.

Moshe Shahal, the Israeli police minister, said the government had to know first if the paramilitary border police-man was alive. Muhammad Nazzal, Hamas head in Jordan, said he did not know the condition of Major Toledano. seized inside Israel on Sunday by Hamas's military wing, the Qassam unit, but said Hamas was ready to talk if Israel showed a willingness to free

Hamas has cast a shadow over Middle East peace efforts by continuing to hold the policeman as hostage in its effort to derail Israeli-Palestinian talks and eclipse Yassir Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organisation. Confronting Is-rael with its first abduction ultimatum since the begin-ning of the five-year Palestin-ian uprising, Hamas militants have threatened to kill Major Toledano unless authorities leased Yassin, 57, their

wheelchair-bound leader. Yassin was sentenced to life. imprisonment last year on charges of ordering the killing

of an alleged Palestinian coland complained of health problems during an Israel television interview from his cell in which he pleaded that the soldier's life be spared.

The movement was founded five years ago yesterday in the Gaza Strip and its potential was grossly underestimated by military authorities who, at first, tolerated it as a counterbalance to the influence of the PLO. Its slogan is that "Islam is the solution" to military occupation.
In the minds of many

Israelis, the abduction conjured images more often assoinvolvement in Lebanon than with the occupied territories, and pointed towards a worsening of the Palestinian-Israe-

Security drive: an Israeli soldier questions a Palestinian near Ramallah during the search for an Israeli hostage

li confrontation just six months after the left-centre government of Yitzhak Rabin took power on a peace plat-form. It followed a series of successful Hamas attacks on soldiers, including the killing of three reservists north of Gaza City last week.

For Palestinians, the kidnapping was another sign that secular nationalists of the PLO. Hamas believes the entire area that once constituttrust and therefore rejects the present PLO-backed talks with Israel as a sellout. "If this momentum continues I think that unfortunately the Palestinians will be pressed to drop out of the peace talks," Oth-

wrote. Hamas claims it enjoys the support of 45 per cent of Palestinians in the occupied territories. Its opponents do not dispute that the lack of increasing its backing.

Dr Mahmud al-Zahar, spokesman for the movement, reflected its growing confidence by advising Israel not to delay in releasing Yassin. "Israel should not put conditions

ON THE day that America's

electoral college formally voted to make Bill Clinton the next

US president, the former Ar-

US president, the former Arkansas governor yesterday began building a national concensus for his plans to rebuild the economy by convening an unprecedented two-day economic summit in Little Rock, Arkansas. He suspended all further announcements of administration appointees. Originally conceived as a private retreat for a few dozen

the meeting ballooned into a media extravaganza attended

by 329 people, ranging from Nobel prize-winning econo-mists and corporate luminar-

ies to the owner of a South Dakota flower shop. Only

Mr Clinton welcomed the conferees as "the most distinguished and diverse group of

discuss our economic promise

as well as our economic prob-

lems". All nine hours of the

politicians were excluded.

**Clinton outlines** 

economic targets

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

now. To ask for signs of life from the soldier would aggravate the situation." ☐ Algiers: Five police officers were killed when their patrol was ambushed in the Algerian capital yesterday morning. Police said five men with machine pistols fired at their vehicle in the Kouba district near a mosque frequented by

the impression that they

would receive more and better

pointed out that health care

would account for half the increase in the federal deficit over the next five years. Those costs had to be reduced. Since the election, Mr Clinton has placed markedly less emphasis on short-term ecopromise of a middle-class tax cut and much more on tackling America's fundamental economic problems, most no-tably the deficit. Interest pay-

ments on the national debt

now consumed 15 cents of every tax dollar, he said. The deficit was an "economic ball and chain dragging us down".

Mr Clinton outlined four priorities in addition to end-

ing "the cycle of borrow and spend economics". He called

for much wider education and training, increased public and

private investment to create

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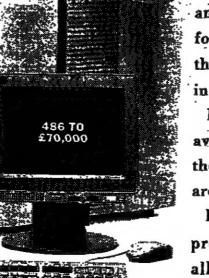
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Clinton: determined to reduce the deficit

## Fresh tremors worry Indonesia survivors

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

ALMOST 1,600 bodies have been found since the earth-quake and huge tidal waves turned parts of Indonesia's eastern "Isle of Flowers" into a cornetery. Officials said 1,584 people were confirmed dead and many were missing. Fresh tremors were shaking Flores, terrifying survivors. Herman Gadidjou, an aide

health care costs.

health care reform during the

campaign, giving most people

to Hendrikus Fernandez, the governor of East Nusa Tenggara province, which indudes Flores, said the death toll was expected to rise fur-ther. We have no figures for the missing."
In Maumere, the tremors

struck about every two hours and survivors faced another night under tents. Officials urged residents not to go back into those buildings still standing. "We are all very nervous." said Gabriel Pereira, a relief centre official.

Nearly 1,300 people died in the Maumere area, 19 miles from the offshore epicentre of the earthquake, which measured 6.8 on the Richter scale. Survivors said tidal waves swamped their fishing village three times and swept away many of the 2,000 residents. "The second wave was as high as a coconut tree," said Patamu, 30, a fisherman. "The

waves were hot, like lava."

Tents have been put up outside the hospital to treat patients afraid of entering because of cracks in the walls Lines have been forming at food distribution centres. Drinking water is scarce.

Rescue teams who searched for victims yesterday feared an epidemic among survivors.
"We are badly in need of medicine, tents and volunteer relief workers," said Mr Gadidjou. President Suharto yesterday ordered the navy to nelp in relief operations. Waves up to 80ft high were

generated by the earthquake and up to 40 per cent of the buildings in Maumere were reported damaged. Yesterday bad communications, transportation problems and electrical blackouts hindered the search for survivors. So-called tidal waves created

by earthquakes under the sea often cause far greater death and destruction than the earthquake itself. They should be called seismic waves or tsunamis, the Japanese word for the phenomenon.

The waves can travel huge distances across the oceans in a few hours. A centre in Hawaii monitors tsunamis. but on Saturday the wave had reached Flores before any warning could be issued.

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## US canvasses Europe over enforcement of air ban

Stung by criticism of its inaction, Washington is pushing for enforcement of a "no-fly" zone over Bosnia. The British defence ministry is not so sure

> By MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Bush administration is advocating tougher action, in-cluding limited military inter-vention, to curb Serbian aggression in Bosnia-Herzegovina and to prevent the conflict spreading.
Lawrence Eagleburger, the

Secretary of State, attributed Washington's almost over-night conversion to the deteriorating situation in Bosnia as winter closes in. At a meeting in Stockholm yesterday of the in Stockholm yesterday of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE), Mr Eagleburger sounded out governments on whether they would support a new United Nations resolution to enforce the "no-fly"

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Last night, the British government's military advisers remained firmly opposed to enforcing the air exclusion zone and issued a warning about the difficulty of mounting an effective operation. Although Serbian fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters based in Bosnia present only a minimal threat to Western jets, the military advice is that enforcement of the air exclusion zone would not be easy.

Another significant factor for the switch in the Bush administration policy was undoubtedly the mounting criticism of Washington inaction from a string of American leaders. In a speech in Oxford II days ago Ronald Reagan called for a "human velvet glove backed by a steel fist of military force". Jimmy Carter. Henry Kissinger and George Schultz, Mr Reagan's former secretary of state, have added trenchant criticism of the allies" "empty threats" and timid response to appalling Serb atrocities, and Bill Clinton, the chorus last Friday.

Mr Clinton, speaking after an intensive review of the Bosnian conflict by his aides, said it was time to "turn up the heat" on the Serbs and supported the enforcement of the "no-fly zone" by military means. That criticism may finally have enabled the US State Department to surmount the Pentagon's terror at the prospect of American being sucked into a

Balkan "quagmire". In Stockholm, Mr Eagleburger, who will also attend a series of high-level meetings in Geneva and Brussels this week, publicly called for the perpetrators of Serbian "crimes against humanity" to face Nuremberg-style trials for war crimes. Mr Eagleburger told American reporters on his plane that he would also discuss with allies this week the possibility of lifting the UN

arms embargo to give the Bosnians the means to defend themselves. He was also expected to press for international action to try to prevent the Bosnian conflict spreading to neighbouring Kosovo, trigger-ing a Balkan-wide conflict, and yesterday he urged an increased CSCE presence in

the autonomous province. Bosnia was too big a disaster to "simply ignore and leave to the next administration", Mr Eagleburger said. American officials have tended to claim that Britain and France have been the obstacles to an enforcement resolution. fearing their troops on the ground would become targets. but Mr Eagleburger acknowledged there had been "arguwithin the government".

In London, military analysts estimated that the Serbs have 20 aircraft, a mixture of G4 Super Galebs (Scagulls) and J22 Oraos (Eagles), both manufactured in the former Yugoslavia. They are based at three airfields, one large and two small, around Banja Luka However, they have not been flown in an offensive mission since October 13.

All the violations of the UN "no-fly" zone over Bosnia have involved Serbian helicopters. In Bosnia, the Serbs have 30-40 military helicopters, mostly SA341 Gazelles, armed with four Soviet-made AT3 Sagger anti-tank missiles and two SA7 Grail anti-helicopter missiles. They also have former Soviet Mi8 Hip helicopters.

Were Britain to be persuaded to join combat air patrols over Bosnia, the most likely aircraft for such an operation would be the Tornado F3, the air defence version. However, Jaguar and the Harrier GR5/7 could also be deployed from one of seven bases along Italy's eastern coast.

Responding to American criticism that European nations were dragging their feet. Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, said it was no use just saying something had to be done. Those of us who are responsible for armed forces have to come to a judgment on whether there is a straightforward military solution." ☐ Bonn: Herr Christian

Schwarz-Schilling, Germany's post and telecommunications minister, has resigned, saying he was ashamed to belong to a government that could not send troops to participate in UN peacekeeping missions in

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## Doves dominate cabinet talks on Bosnia

THE defence and overseas policy committee of the cabinet (known as OPD) was subdued yesterday morning. International pressure, especially from the United States and France, for the use of force to implement the United Nations "no-fly" zone over Bosnia has grown in the past few days.

Ministers knew that deci-

sions could not be postponed indefinitely. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, was due to fly off later in the day for three meetings certain to be dominated by the former Yu-goslavia, while John Major would be seeing George Bush

on Friday. Mr Major and Mr Hurd have become increasingly pessimistic about the deteriorating situation in Bosnia and the dangers of the conflict spreading to other areas. Mr Major's gloom was reinforced

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US carrier John F Kennech

equipped with FA18 s and F14 s could be moved

from eastern Medite

The British cabinet has become increasingly pessimistic about the situation in Bosnia, writes Peter Riddell

during his recent visit to Athens and by his meeting with Macedonian leaders.

That led him to warn in the Commons yesterday that Macedonia "could be a tinder box for a wider Balkan conflict". Talks with other European Community leaders convinced him of the need for further discussion.

Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, reported on his visit to Bosnia last week to see the British troops there. This reinforced his view that military intervention cannot halt the fighting and that

ENFORCING THE "NO-FLY" ZONE OVER BOSNIA

British forces should not be increased substantially but should continue with their humanitarian mission. British ministers remain

wary of any larger military Mr Rifkind has said that

British troops could become emeshed in an operation with high casualties over which they have no control. The chiefs of staff have been arguing, like their counterparts in the Pentagon, that ground troops should never be committed unless there is a precise military objective and

there are clear, and workable, rules of engagement. These do not exist in Bosnia.

There is no dispute over this within the OPD committee. Mr Hurd is certainly no hawk. At most, some Foreign Office officials believe that the international community has take a more active stand.

These views were reflected in yesterday's discussion on the immediate issue of the enforcement of the "no-fly" zone. Mr Hurd said Serbia could not be allowed indefinitely to defy the United Nations' authority and to believe that the West would never take action. But the international mediators feared military action might jeopardise their efforts.

Mr Rifkind underlined worries about retaliation by the Bosnian Serbs against British troops. There is con-

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ban might be American planes based in Italy. No further British troop deployments are planned. This issue is separate from the proposed dispatch of a battai-SERBIAN AIRCRAFT IN BOSNIA ion of soliders to Macedonia 20 fixed wing aircraft

to monitor the peace there. Decisions on a new UN resolution are unlikely until meetings, Mr Major's talks with President Bush and the Serbian elections.

action being urged by countries, such as America, which

do not themselves have troops

Yesterday's meeting en-

dorsed a cautious step-by-step approach, starting with a report for the UN Security

Council on violations of the

"no-fly" zone. That will focus

on what constitutes a violation of the existing UN resolution:

whether Bosnian Serb heli-

copters are carrying troops

and military equipment.

This might be followed by a

further United Nations reso-

lution permitting the enforce-

ment of the ban on flights.

The aim would be to warn off

the Bosnian-Serbs rather than

to trigger immediate shooting

down of helicopters. It is likely

that aircraft enforcing such a

at risk on the ground.

Mr Major and senior ministers have moved, tentatively. towards a firmer line in the past couple of weeks. But, reflecting the mood at Westminster, their position is far from warlike.

Paddy Ashdown, who was himself directly in the firing line in Bosnia yesterday, is one of the few leading British politicians urging greater military involvement. Apart from general statements of condemnation, the Labour leadership has focused on the refugees and avoided urging the increased use of force.

There may be a greater demand internationally for 'something to be done", but so far it stops well short of risking many British lives.

NEWS IN BRIEF

## **America** pledges to punish war criminals

London: Lawrence Eagleburger, the American Secretary of State, yesterday warned Belgrade that war criminals in former Yugoslavia would be hunted down and brought to justice in the way Nazis were tried at Nuremburg (Michael Binyon and David Bartal

He told the opening session in Stockholm of the Confer-ence for Security and Co-operation in Europe: "We must identify the perpetrators of crimes against humanity in ex-Yugoslavia by name and ensure they will be brought to justice in person — exactly as were Hitler's associates at

Nuremburg."

He also called for an increase in the CSCE forces monitoring the stand-off in Kosovo, saying America was ready to contribute. The Uni-ted Nations Security Council is likely to postpone a decision on a tribunal until the war crimes commission for the Balkans completes its study.

#### Patten backed

Hong Kong: An opinion poll shows that almost half the colony's citizens back the democracy proposals of Chris Patten. the governor. Out of a sample group of 954 people polled by the South China Morning Post, 46.9 per cent said they would vote in favour.

#### Reactor started

Kiev: A second reactor at the Chernobyl nuclear power sta-tion, site of the world's worst nuclear accident six years ago. has been brought back on stream pending the plant's complete shutdown next year. the Ukrinform news agency reported. (Reuter)

### Driver jailed

Paris: The driver of a train, which ploughed into the Gare de Lyon station killing 56 people, was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to four years in prison, 32 supended. Daniel Saulin was one of four people on trial for the 1988 crash. (Reuter)

#### Murder verdict

Magdeburg: A court jailed two neo-Nazi skinheads for three and six years for beating a punk rocker to death with baseball bats. Altogether, five extremists were found guilty of manslaughter, disturbing the peace and causing bodily harm. (Reuter)

#### **Bullet strays**

Washington: A van escorting President Bush, Barbara Bush, and Dan Quayle, the vice-president, was hit by a bullet from a shootout three streets away. The van was outside a building where the Bushes were participating in a programme. (AFP)

#### Lift-off

Tokyo: Mitsubishi Electric Corp claims to have developed the world's fastest lift. It will run at 2,460ft per minute, or 28 miles per hour. Three will be installed in a 70-storey tower. (Reuter)

## French cheers of disdain greet Edinburgh accord

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS AND ANATOL LIEVEN IN BONN

FRANCE yesterday greeted the repair job performed at the Edinburgh summit with a mixture of weary relief and disdain for what some saw as a sell-out to the anti-European demands of Denmark and

Media commentators from both left and right depicted the Edinburgh accords as a desperate and inglorious patch-up by chastened leaders desperate to avoid rupture. Valery Giscard d'Estaing, the former president and architect of European integration in the 1970s, led hostile reaction from the opposition, saying sarcastically that Edinburgh had been "a great success for British diplomacy and a failure for the Franco-German approach to Europe".

France and Germany had surrendered at the outset to the pressure to give Denmark everything it wanted and stripped the Maastricht treaty of its meaning, he said. "We didn't want a two-speed Europe. Now we're going to have a Europe of four speeds." "Europe in hibernation".

said the headline in the conscrvative Quotidien de Paris. The conservative, populist France-Soir said the outcome in Edinburgh looked like an attempt to force reconciliation on a feuding couple, which

was better than divorce "as long as they don't try to make us endure the comedy of a second honeymoon". Determination "to save the

face of Maastricht", said the conservative Le Figaro, had caused the other leaders "to give in to Denmark all the way down the line". The left-wing Libération took a less bleak view, saying the Edinburgh agreements showed that the force towards European unity still slightly outweighs the impetus towards retreat behind national, or even cantonal, frontiers". The authoritative Le Monde

summed up what it said was the lesson from Edinburgh. "When economic gloom is fouling all the Community machinery, when the markets are running scared, when a discredited Europe sits impotent before Yugoslavia, when public opinion draws inwards with fright and when several governments are heading towards elections, even at these worst of times, the Community still has enough vigour to save itself." Le Monde was one of the few French papers to give credit to John Major's diplomacy. The credit he had scored would help him win over the sceptics at home, it

Major has been

described as "Europe's faith healer" in the German press, specifically the Stuttgarter Zeitung, for his work in salvaging the Edinburgh summit. "London's presidency is claimed the saved". Handelsblat business paper. saying that it should restore

> bling authority. The German government is also claiming credit for success, and are pointing out that Germany succeeded in gaining almost all the points where its own interests were affected. Klaus Kinkel, the foreign minister, said that it was Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor. who saved the summit; a propaganda statement, but also perhaps a dig at the press, whose state-

some of Mr Major's crum-

annoyance here. The Germans' fear of themselves and what they might do if the EC collapsed is at the heart of German anxiety for it to succeed. Herr Kohl has been rightly described in several papers as the true heir of Konrad Adenauer, obsessed by the need for reconciliation with France as the basis for European unity.

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down Britain" have caused

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## Treaty deal delights battle-weary Danes

FROM CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT IN COPENHAGAN

RELIEF swept Denmark yesterday in the wake of the Edinburgh summit's endorsement of an opt-out deal on the Maastricht treaty.

Industry, agriculture, the unions and the employers' federation all welcomedthe end of Denmark's deadlock with the European Community and expressed hope for a swift ratification of the treaty. The stock and bond markets recovered as did the embattled Danish krone after days of turbulence caused by the flotation of Norway's currency last week.

Poul Schluter, the prime minister, said yesterday that a date for a fresh referendum on Europe would be set in the new year: "I hope it will be possible to agree on the date by the middle of January, when parliament reconvenes after the Christmas recess," he said. "I expect the necessary Maastricht ratification legislation to be tabled in the House in January or February. I promised Denmark's 11 European Community partners at Edinburgh that we would carry out a referendum in the first half of 1993." Mr Schluter added: "We owe this especially to our British

friends who also have their

own problems getting the Maastricht treaty ratified."

Mr Schluter will meet leaders of the six other Danish parties supporting the so-called "national compromise" to discuss the deal.

The opt-out agreement ex-

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empts Denmark from Community plans for a joint defence policy, a common currency. EC citizenship and co-ordinated legal co-operation. The compromise is supported by seven of parliament's eight political parties, including the Conservative-Liberal minority coalition and the opposition Social Democrats, Radical Liberals and Socialist People's Party. The three opposition parties - architects of Denmark's new European Community deal - announced their formal approval of the package

on Sunday night. An opinion poll published yesterday in the conservative daily newspaper. Berlingske Tidende, indicated that 54 per cent would vote in favour of Denmark's new deal in a referendum, with 23 per cent opposed and the same percentage undecided. Political analysts predicted that April or May were the most likely dates for a second referendum. Denmark takes over the

six-month rotating Commun-

ity presidency from Britain on

#### in Italian litmus test poll THE devolutionist northern Leagues inflicted another humiliating electoral defeat on

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traditional Italian parties vesterday as Italians expressed a year-end show of low confidence in the embattled coali-

tion government in Rome. First results with half the votes counted in "litmus test" municipal elections at the strategic town of Varese eight miles from the Swiss border gave the Lombardy League first place with 36.39 per cent of the vote, squeezing the traditionally dominant Christian Democrats to 18.3 per cent. The party of Giuliano Amato, the prime minister. has been badly compromised by a rash of local government corruption scandals in Varese. and its share tumbled to 4 per cent of the vote there.

The new anti-Mafia party. La Rete, led by former Mayor of Palermo, Leoluca Orlando, made striking gains with 5 per cent in Varese and the nec-Fascist Italian Social Movement improved its position with 4.8 per cent.

"The old political system is in free fall," said Roberto Maroni, a League MP. The partial results fell below the high expectations of League sympathisers who had hoped for absolute majorities that would allow them to control

## town councils at Varese and growled Signor Bossi as he

FROM JOHN PHULLIPS IN VARESE

League squeezes coalition

However, political experts emphasised that the League victory marked an increase of about 9 per cent for the federalists over the outcome in the April general election. League score might have been higher if Signor Umberto Bossi, the leader, had not been challenged by a look-alike separatist slate headed by his estranged sister, the Alpine Lombard League, which won per cent.

We will start negotiations immediately to form a municipal government," said Signor Maroni, "The new mayor of Varese will be from the Lombardy League." League strategists hope to form an alliance of convenience with the former Communist Democratic party of the Left, which fell to 7 per cent, or the libertarian Radical party.

League leaders acknowledged there was the risk that they would be "left in the refrigerator" by other parties with no coalition feasible as happened after other, relatively smaller. League triumphs at Mantua and Brescia in the past. "If they have not given us enough strength to guarantee a junta [in Varese] they can't say we didn't warn them,"

paced around his headquarters in the Piazza Garibaldino of Varese. "If the other parties want new elections they have to realise we are increasing our share at every poll."

The massive protest vote in the polls, involving one million voters, underlined once again the desperate need for reform of the Italian proportional system if the risk of ultimate disintegration of the country is to be avoided. pundits have said.

The Lombardy League were also placed first at Monza, the motor racing capital, with 33 per cent, according to early results. Meanwhile in the southern port of Reggio Calabria exit polls showed that the Christian Democrats had fallen from 31 to 22 per cent, the Socialists from 13 to 9 per cent. La Rete took a projected 10 per cent and the neo-Fascists 14 per cent.

United Nations agencies are planning a one-day strike today to demand higher salaries, a spokesman said. Staff at the Rome-based UN Food and Agriculture Organisation and World Food Programme plan the action as protest over what they say are pay disparities with

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Job for life? Live for a job

PAUL BROWN

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The Princess of Wales ty of being the mother of a King. Losing role and status is one of the most devastating consequences of redundancy. Not being wanted at work can cause similar desperation to not being wanted as a wife or husband. Being based on loss, both have interesting similarities to grief after death. There are also important differences.

Death has its own finality. The reactions of disbelief, feeling that time is suspended, the rage, despair, hopelessness and emptiness are the sequelae common to

redundancy and death. Yet somewhere within the mind. knowthat there is absolutely nothing that can be done to reverse the ending of a life. It is this It can feel which triggers the proper processes of mourning and creates the shift to acceptance of the in redundancy,

however, there is no such finality. The person or people who things. Such people are often have caused one's loss rejobs remain, as do all the trappings that position and authority provide.

The rage that results from badiy-managed redundancy can create murderous fantasies. Setting up in competi-tion and "killing off" the source of the pain is one displacement activity through which commercialism justifies the darker underiving motive, as does joining the opposition with "I'll show them" as the unwritten part of the new

What is lost to the redundant executive is not only income and the trappings of office, but that vital sense of identity and well-being which comes from work. It can feel like the death of self.

For many people, their job, defines their existence. A doctor may be loved by his patients yet have impovera managing director expects commands on a salaried basis from his secretary.

The identity they get from work tells them who they are. Many men are only happy meeting strangers at dinner when conversation has managed to elicit exactly what the stranger does: not who he is but what he does.

Redundancy and its threat calls defences into play. Fright can make a person hang on too long. More secretively, fear that creates a sense of flight can make the person deny there is anything wrong at all. Many employees see the prospect of redundancy, but deny the

thatwhen redundancies are for a company, the good people — those the firm needs for its long-term resiliance - are the ones who dare to pick up the weak and early. They are least afraid of looking after them-

selves in a hostile market place. The What is firm is then left to plan its future on lost is the the less resilient among the worksense of force. Underlying identity.

personality pro-cesses come into are those who by nature stabilise organisations and are essentially supportive. They fundamentally dislike change in

to be found in the personnel and financial or strategic planning side of companies. Thus, those who ought to be thinking most creatively about change in difficult times will be those who operate most conservatively.

There are also those who are temperamentally well adapted to change, and like to be where the action is. They leave. The company then suffers lost opportunity and the expense of hiring the same kind of people all over

The most dangerous defensive reaction to redundancy is frolic. Beware wellmeaning friends who encourage it, satisfying their own needs vicariously.

The time for cruises around the world or painting the house is when the next job has been landed. A proper order of priority is about dealing with the world as it is, not as fantasy would

bear, though. Perhaps Jerome K Jerome got it more right than most: "I like work it fascinates me. I can sit and look at it for hours. I love to keep it by me: the idea of getting rid of it nearly breaks

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## Victoria McKee reports on new research on good, bad and dangerous dieting



Picture of health?: those who coexist with their bulges, like Henry Moore's Reclining Woman, seem likely to live longer than people constantly fighting to lose a few pounds

or those trying to lose a few pounds in preparation for stuffing themselves like the turkey, or formulating new year's resolutions to follow a festive orgy of over-indulgence, his the season to be thinking of dieting.

But fad diets are not merely fatuous. According to Dr Pierre Bouloux of the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, northwest London, an expert on obesity and the workings of the metabolism, severe dieting can lead to the breakdown of protein in muscles, including heart muscle, and precipitate heart arrythmia and lead to sudden death.

The British Heart Foundation (BHF) recently issued a "Facrfile" on diets to 37,500 GPs in the hope of educating them about some of the more desirable ones for the prevention and management of cardiovascular disease, and warning patients off unsuitable ones.

It tells doctors that weight-reducing diets should be low in fat and alcohol and that those diets which encourage a weight loss of up to 1kg (1.2lb) a week — best achieved by using a 1,000 kcal/day diet — are more likely to be effective than those encouraging more rapid weight loss. Crash diets claiming massive weight loss should be avoided as they encourage faddy eating and a cycle of starvation and bingeing. The factfile notes that recent research suggests that "weight cycling" is associated with increased

risk of coronary heart disease. The BHF goes on to list diets which are acceptable, recommended, or not recommended. Only one is recommended—the "BBC Diet", a "well-balanced 1,000 kcal/day diet" that was devised by Dr Barry Lynch as part of his six part series for the BBC. Acceptable are the "Eskimo Diet", involving the consumption of large quantities of oily fish in an otherwise balanced regimen avoiding sources of saturated fat: fibre-rich diets such as the F-Plan diet and, under medical supervision and only for the severely obese, "very low calorie diets such as the Cambridge Diet", which provide fewer than 600 kcal/day.

"Not recommended" according to the BHF are the "8-Week Cholesterol Cure" diet, since "dietary changes causing plasma cholesterol reduction must be long-term for benefit to accrue", food combining or rotation diets, which suggest that you eat only certain types of food in the same meal

## Good losers are not always winners

ism burners or boosters claiming to speed up the metabolic rate (the rate at which the body burns energy) -"unfortunately it's not true" — and a three-day diet misleadingly known as The British Heart Foundation" or "British Heart Institute" diet which has nothing to do with the BHF and

is "poorly balanced". Specifically criticised was Rosemary Conley's hugely successful "Hip and Thigh Diet" — on two counts: because the BHF does

not believe that any diet should promise weight loss from a particular part of the body, and because the diet consists of avoiding fat completely.

Dr Ian Baird, the medical spokesman for the BHF, says:

"Fat is necessary — in the gut, not on the hips — for adequate absorption of essential vitamins, and a very low fat diet could have a long-term effect on the bones. We want to reduce our fat intake to around 30 per cent of the diet, of which something like a third should be saturated fat, like cheese, and two thirds polyunsaturated like margarine and monounsaturates like

But the BHF guidelines are not without their own critics. Dr Jill Welbourne, a psychiatrist specialising in eating disorders, who declares herself vehemently "anti-diet". defends Ms Conley's low-fat earing plan which is intended to be accompanied by moderate exercise. "A lot of people have come to reasonably sensible eating habits by using it, as long as they look on it as long-term guidance rather than a 'diet', which by its very name implies something you will go off, and as long as they include more oily fish and polyunsat-

than she recommends." Ms Conley has already changed her best-selling diet along the lines

urated and monounsaturated fats

that Or Welbourne suggests. "A new edition will be in the shops in January," Ms Conley says, "in which I have included fatty fish because I destructive effect."

Dr Bouloux questions calling very low calorie diets such as the Camunder medical supervision. "I work with very obese people, who require their jaws wiring together to stop esting, but I wouldn't advocate a diet

Those who regularly lost and gained as little as 11lb were one and a half times more likely to die early than those who didn't

> under 600 calories a day for anyone, nearer 1,000 is more sensible," he says. "Otherwise there is the danger of death from heart arrhythmia."

> Or Baird emphasises that "we are only saying that this diet is acceptable, in the short term, as a last resortfor people whose life is at risk from their obesity."
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> Dr Terry Meredith, a GP who

cannot remember receiving the factfile sheet and suspects he might have thrown it away, normally just recommends an "eat-less diet, cutting out animal fats. Although this usually works well for men, women who have been dieting for years have much greater difficulty losing weight and might need some kind of new gimmicky diet to get started. I wouldn't discourage them from that, as long as it was short term."

Joseph Corvo, a fitness adviser who promotes his food combining programme which is similar in principle to the famous Hay Diet, defends his

ing fish, chicken or meat it's a good idea to have greenery and fruit with pasts and rice for another meal. They can also be eaten with greenery and bohydrate in the body at the same time, the enzyme systems will digest the proteins first and ignore the carbohydrate, which becomes

undigested body fat and turns into middle-aged spread." The greatest danger, the medical profession is beginning to agree, comes from yoyoing up and down in weight. There is quite a lot of evidence now supporting that," Dr Welbourne says. "Looking at American males on coronary heart disease prevention programmes, the groups of tubby 50-60-year-old chaps who lost weight had

a higher death rate than the control groups that didn't diet, but whether this is to do with the psychological stress of dieting or the actual weight loss is difficult to

A 12-year study of 12,000 men at Harvard University found that those who regularly lost and gained weight even if their weight only actually changed by as little as 1 llb pounds were one and a half times more likely to die than the men who did not lose

Dr Reuben Andres, an expert on morbidity and mortality as it relates to weight at the US National Institutes of Health, discovered that those who tend to put on a small amount of weight as the years go by survive best and that "yo-yo" dieting seems to put a greater strain on the system than carrying a moderate amount of excess weight. In Britain, Dr David Weeks, found that a characteristic shared by super-fit older people was a stability of weight, even if that weight was above the recommended norm.
"I'm not against losing weight,"
Dr Weibourne says, "but against the sort of diets that make it likely that people will binge, since crash diets are perceived by the body as famine and bow was survive through a and how you survive through a famine is to store fat when you can. You can't lose more than about a pound and a half of adipose tissue [fat] in a week —any more is bound to be muscle. Muscle goes quickly, and fat is laid on, so that chronic dieters develop a higher percentage of fat and slower metabolisms, and find it increasingly difficult to lose weight. But exercise can help to alter the

omorrow at 9 pm, Channel 4's Dispatches investigates the billion pound diet industry and suggests that there is increasing evidence that dieting can be worse for the health than the annual Christmas over indulgence. It offers the depressing news for Britain's millions of chronic dieters that 95 per cent of diets fail in the long-term.

metabolic pathways and some people

can improve their metabolisms via

exercise if they work at it."

A "new wave" of weight control organisations have sensed the changing mood and are promising a "Weigh Ahead", as one is called. without dieting. Dr Cherie Martin, who started Weigh Ahead as Weight Winners in Glasgow, now has branches in Edinburgh and London. They follow Dr Welbourne's thinking they follow Dr Welbourne's thinking that overweight people should throw away their diet sheets and learn to distinguish between hunger and appetite — at £199 plus VAT for a four day course or once a week for seven weeks. is this simply paving the way for a new type of tyranny? "No."

Dr Martin says. "It's giving people back control over their earing habits." She would support Dr Wel-bourne's advice that over Christmas it is better to enjoy that mince pie or portion of Christmas pudding when it is offered. "Take it take time to really taste it, and allow yourself to have more if you really want to." Dr Welbourne counsels - than to resentfully resist and end up scoffing leftovers secretly in the kitchen.

What people really want is to be able to re-set the metabolism centre in the brain, the hypothalamus," Dr Bouloux suggests. "Drug companies are already working on that."

LAST week a terminally-ill cancer patient in America was treated with a new form of gene therapy, designed to make his brain tumour shrink. It will be several weeks before it is clear whether this revolutionary technique works, though it has proved effective in animal

The cancer treatment is one mark of the accelerating pace of gene therapy in treating a wide range of diseases. America has taken the lead, but two British proposals are now before the Committee on the Ethics of Gene Therapy. If approved, the first British gene

transplants could begin next year. As the cancer treatment indicates, gene therapy is not necessarily restricted to genetic diseases, though they are its most obvious application. Genetic diseases are caused by faults in one or more of the 100,000 genes that make up the human blueprint. Each gene has the task of making a particular protein; so a fault can mean that a protein vital to the functioning of some organ or other is not produced, leading to disease. If the gene can be replaced, then a cure may be possible.

■ The first gene therapy experiment was of this type. A four-year-old girl in America suffering from a genetic defect that prevented

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## Genes move to attack

her immune system from producing a vital enzyme, adenosine deaminase (ADA), was injected with about one billion of her own blood cells which had been altered to contain the correct gene. Since the therapy began in September 1990, she has been well and living a normal life. A second girl has since been treated, with equally encouraging results.

■ Other genetic diseases which may be treated in a similar way include cystic fibrosis and muscular dystrophy. A gene flaw that prevents the body processing chloride properly causes cystic fibrosis. It leads to a build-up of mucus in the lungs and leaves its victims prone to infections. A variety of methods have been suggested for introducing normal genes

into the lungs of patients.

One, to be tried by Dr Ronald Crystal at the US National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, is to incorporate the gene into the a gene from the herpes virus.

common cold virus and infect the patients with it. The virus is modified so that it will not cause a cold, but will invade target cells carrying the correct gene. The hope is that the cells will then function properly.

An alternative method will be used by Professor Bob Williamson of St Mary's Hospital, in London, working with Dr Duncan Geddes, of the Royal Brompton Hospital, if they get approval. They will use a mist of fat particles, called liposomes, to carry the genes into the lungs, a method which may raise fewer safety issues than using a virus.

■ Against cancer a different approach will be used. In the American therapy which began last week at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, modified mouse cells were injected into an inoperable brain turnour. The modified cells produce a retrovirus containing

A retrovirus is used because it belongs to a class of viruses that can only invade dividing cells. Since brain cells do not divide but tumour cells do, ir will invade the tumour cells. carrying with it a small fragment of the gene of the herpes virus: not enough to cause the infection, but enough to make the cancer cells produce an enzyme that makes them a sitting target for the antiviral drug ganciclovir. If it works as it does in rats, the tumour cells should be killed while normal brain cells remain undamaged.

None of these techniques will involve germ cells — those found in the eggs, sperm and early embryo - so changes will not be passed to the next generation. Most gene therapy experts believe that the risks of changing these cells are at present too great to justify.

■ Yet in spite of the great hopes, not all is sweetness and light. Funding for another pioneering gene therapy experiment in the US designed to treat cancer has been stopped after the scientist responsible, Dr Steven Rosenberg, was criticised for continuing despite evidence that the method was not working as intended.

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## Haggling's a bad deal in stores

Could London shops discover the lost joys of bargaining? Armed with a wad of fresh

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tenners, Heather Kirby investigates

aggling is the latest sales gimmick in some shops in New York. introduced in a last ditch attempt to beat the recession and separate Christmas shoppers from their money.

Assistants use their initiative and if customers make a reasonable offer, they can accept it. It is an enterprising concept but are the shops in the British capital ready to embrace it?

At Power Store in Tottenham Court Road, an assistant showed willing. Almost before I had fin-

ished asking for a reduction on the extra large Sony television for £799, he offered 20 per cent off. Using the excuse that my mental arithmetic is not brilliant, I asked him to write it down. He helpfully gave me the model number and, less helpfully, a new price of £720. Even I know that is not a 20 per cent

Further along the road, at Heal's, the windows were bedecked with

boards offering substantial reductions on table lamps, so there did not seem much point trying to haggle about them, but upstairs, a fetching Cerrutti towelling robe looked like a promising Christmas present, if I could get it for less than the £165 price tag. "We don't do discounts, unless you are trade or something," an assistant said

Downstairs, I provided amusement for a young shop assistant, and the two women staff he was flirting with, by interrupting to offer £15 for a £19.95 umbrella stand. They sniggered, and a fellow shopper looked shocked, but at my behaviour, not theirs.

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Next door, at Boots, I wanted to buy some Bourjois face powder, but their last box looked battered. The assistant agreed it had probably been opened by a customer, so I said they should give me a reduction, to which she curtly replied, "No. The manufacturers will take it back." I did not buy it. Presumably. there is some economic logic which is comprehensible to retailers, but escapes me, that makes returning a box of powder more acceptable than having cash in the till, even at

El less than its usual price. At Lillywhites' golf department, a luxurious navy, red and white Lynx golf bag looked like an ideal gift for the ideal man. It was £145. The assistant demonstrated its special attractions, serious zipped pockets for everything from club hoods to balls. "I'll give you £100 cash now." I lied, opening my handbag as if to take out a wad of readies.

The assistant looked crestfallen, I can't reduce it, this model has just come in and it's a really good price." Similar bags but in "staff" colours, were £20 to £30 more, he assured me. Would he, then, do a deal on a model they had had in stock for some time? "No. because we've aiready reduced them."

In some departments of Dickens and Jones, there were more assis-tants than shop-pers so I thought they might snap my hand off if I

There was a black shift dress covered with gold sequins already marked down from £199 to £149. Offering more than I thought it was worth, I asked an assistant, "Would you take £50 for it?" She was dumb-

struck. Upping the ante slightly, then I suggested £80. All at once, the training she had received at the Great British School of Shop Assistants, where they learn how to be really lofty with customers, came to her rescue. "We don't haggle in here, madam."

In the lift at Liberty, three students in their second year as Christmas sales persons said they would love to let customers haggle. They agreed it would be great fun all round but pointed out it could be open to abuse.

"I mean, once the word was out, where would you stop?" one want-ed to know. "You'd have to have a bottom line price," another said. All very well, the third said, "But people would be well vexed if they found someone else had paid less than them."

Then they said, actually, that happens already, in their experience, buyers and managers mark things down constantly, sometimes because they see them on sale at a rival store at a lower price, and also if they want to make way for new stock. But, no, they didn't think they would raise it at the next staff management meeting, because if such meetings were held, they had never been invied to attend. I got out at the Oriental carpet department. Since haggling is a way of



life in the rugs' country of origin, surely it would be acceptable here? A couple who had four beautiful stair carpets laid out on the floor for them to choose from thought so. The woman told me, We are buying two rugs as well, so we are definitely going to try and beat the

price down. But when I offered an assistant £20 for a sequin cushion which was priced at £24.95, she did not want to take me up on it. She looked down her nose and said, "There are more next door." I think she was trying to tell me something because the only cushions I could find next door were tapestry ones and started at £102.

My best haggling experience was at Hamley's. There, on the fourth floor, was a rocking horse. The assistant told me it was £600. What about £500 cash?" I asked. He went to get the manager who

told me the rocking horse was really £499, which just goes to show. We went to look at another, bigger, rocking horse which cost £699. It was handmade and beautiful. "1"ll give you £500 for it, cash," I said. He smiled the wan smile of a

man who has felt the sharp end of the recession. "We have already reduced it from £800." But I wondered if he might weaken confronted by someone counting out £500 fresh from the cash

Not many shop assistants are riven the opportunity to use their initiative. At Selfridge's, where I tried to beat them down on a Miele dishwasher priced at £825, the assistant suggested sympathetically that I should come back on Boxing

day and the price would probably be £60 to £70 less. "I can't do any deals with you, it's not allowed," he said. But the idea tickled him and he chuckled.

In the next department, where they had a range of cappuccino coffee-making machines, I displayed my open purse to tempt the assistant. "Look, this is exactly what I want but it is far too expensive. I'll give you £110." The one I was pointing to was £134.95.

"There are plenty of other cheaper models." she said, dismissively.

erhaps it is me. Am I too diffident? I marched along the Burlington Arcade and strode confidently into a shop with cashmere wall to wall. I spent 15 minutes looking at ten different styles and colours of eater, ranging in price from £134.50 to £160.

Eventually, I said I would take two but not at those prices, and what could they offer? The glamorously made-up assistants eyed each other. "I think we could take £10 off," the older one said. "Off each, presumably?" I shot back. There was a slight hesitation before she

Since I thought she was still being a cheapskate, I decided to press on. "If you will sell me them for £350, I will buy three." No. they decided, they couldn't possibly do that, their sweaters were not even that cheap in the sales. Since 1 could not believe this. I feel there must be something about my haggling technique I am not getting right. I wish I had a seasoned haggler with me, I wonder if someone in New York has

devised a training course?

No amount of training would overcome the Harrods computer barrier. Gazing at myself in a black suede and leather fake fur-lined car coat, I asked the assistant if we could do a deal. The ticket price was £749, how about £700 for cash? "We use the barcode so it all goes

through a central computer. There are so many staff, if we all could do deals we would be doing them for our friends. I don't think Harrods would wear that."

The smooth-talking salesman at the Knightsbridge jewellers Kutchinsky, on the other hand, suggested he could "do something" before I asked. Looking at a tray of signet rings with the swing ticket marked £875, he offered, after tapping into his calculator, to engrave initials and add one or two diamonds for £780 cash. At Ciro's, another Knightsbridge

iewellers, where I pretended to

want a watch for my daughter, they turned down flat my offer of £70 for an £85 watch. "We don't do discounts at all," the assistant said. Generally speaking, "deals" on offer for cash in London are no big deal. Considering they are saving themselves the credit card companies' charges and are helping their cash flow, you would think stores could afford to be more generous. At Mappin & Webb, a display case was unlocked and I cradled a jewellery-encrusted evening bag in my hand. It was £2,200. The sales lady smoothly

offered 10 per cent off for cash, but

£1,980 still sounds like a lot for

something to keep your lipstick in.

#### AMERICA: NOT SO BAZAAR BEHAVIOUR

Those who wear three-piece suits negotiate, but those in anoraks haggle. Whatever the euphemism for bargaining. half of America is at it. Bargaining is easy, so long as the

shopper makes his or her assault in the right place. In The Wiz, a huge chain of discount electronics stores in New York, haggling is quite the thing. Some sadness when faced with the price of a Panasonic fax. or a Sony mini-tape recorder, results in an instant \$20 or \$30 reduction. The shop, with just a little pressure, is forced to live up to its slogan "Nobody beats The Wiz". Street vendors and country antiques sellers just out-side New York when asked "Can you do something for us on the price?" favour the instant cave-in. In more sophisticated emporia, however, bazaar behaviour is not quite so appreciated. Suggesting at Saks Fifth Avenue that a \$500 leather and canvas travel bag might be more palatable with a \$50 discount meets with a stony smile. It seems that rumours the grand department stores of the city are willing to compromise here

and there are quite unfounded. Two dragging years of recession tended to encourage flexibility in pricing, but sales figures for late November and early December show American consumer confidence is on the rise, and flexibility in pricing has decreased in proportion.

In expensive, supposedly sophisticated department stores, the choice is between embarrassment at refusal, or a bargain. Before the Christmas rush, and the buoyancy which accompanied the election in November, bargains were easier to find. Now the salesperson would rather take the customer behind you in the queue than waste time on negotiation.

Macy's -- "The World's Largest Store" - has had constant one-day sales since it filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, but its policy on bargaining remains firm. You pay the price on the ticket or you don't buy the item. That's our policy on haggling," says the spokeswoman. Bioomingdale's and Saks are similarly strict. Of course, deals do go on. A customer complains that a leather bag is a little tarnished, or a white dress has a dust mark on it, and the floor manager agrees a

Stores selling large electrical items such as fridges and washing machines are often willing to compromise, although customers find that out only if they take the risk. Sears have an official policy of sticking to the ticket price, but in fact a customer buying two large items can expect a discount if he or she gets up the courage to ask. Arriving with a newspaper advertisement from a competitor always encourages accommodation on price, and paying cash rather than by credit card is cheaper for the shop which is often willing to pass on the savings to the

## Look what happened on the way to my date with destiny

Larry Kramer's

searching play was intended to be a posthumous autobiography

he best playwrights like to expose their souls on stage, but in his latest play Larry Kramer, who is also America's foremost Aids activist, might as well have handed the audience a teaspoon and said: "Scoop out the contents of my head

When Mr Kramer's London psychiatrist, on whose couch he spent seven years, heard about the play, he observed: "Sounds like Larry learnt something."

Mr Kramer's latest offering. The Destiny of Me, opened to strong reviews and packed houses in New York last month. What the critics descibed as "a Jewish homosexual Long Day's Journey Into Night" is now set to run well into next year when it will also be staged in London.

The play is a Freudian's delight, being largely the autobiographical tale of Mr Kramer's eventual acceptance of his homosexuality, and featuring parents-from-hell. It not only includes a split personality, but allows the two sides of the split to get on stage together. At the play's core is Ned Weeks, a homosexual in his fifties who is HIV positive, looking for a miracle cure, and

not expecting to find it. Mr Kramer is also HIV positive and is 57 years old. He is aware the miracle will not be forthcoming soon, but



Naked truth: Larry Kramer has displayed a willingness to gut family and self

he has done more than almost anyone to make sure that the medical establishment looks for it. Hard. He set up Gay Men's Health Crisis and the powerful civil disobedience and lobby group ACT-UP (the Aids Coalition to Unleash Power) which counts among its "successes" the occasion on which 4,500 activists stormed St Patrick's cathedral in New York, chained themselves to the pews and held a "die in" at the feet of the cardinal.

His play is as angry - and funny — as some of the demonstrations he has engineered. But it has a nakedness, a willingness to gut family and self, that his previous play, The Normal Heart, did not risk so much. Why? Because Mr Kramer thought he would be dead. by the time The Destiny of Me was staged. "I figured it would be the last words of an opinionated author," says Mr Kramer, in his apartment in Greenwich Village. "I wasn't in any hurry to get the play on originally, but then when I had a health scare with my liver and this HIV business in one ugly package, I decided, OK, I want to pull this out while I have my energy and my health."

He intended to leave word that the play should not be presented while his 93-yearold mother was alive. Now, given time by a medication that returned him to fairly good health. Mr Kramer is dreading the day she decides to leave her mursing home and come to the city for a viewing. His brother, Arthur, says the account of the family's life is regrettably" rather accurate.

ending so that Ned Weeks fears death, rather than facing it head on.

What did Mr Kramer do when he discovered he was HIV positive? At first he campaigned obsessively and loudly against the govern-ment's lackadaisical attitude towards Aids and what he considered to be the medical establishment's sloth. He wrote The Normal Heart, a scream for attention for Aids. which became one of the biggest earners for the Royal Court Theatre, in London. Now, a kinder, gentler Kra-mer has forsaken the outside

world of noise and anger for the world inside himself. in the play, and in life, he dissects his early battle against his homosexuality in the 1950s, when some psychiatrists (and Mr Kramer saw a

great many) still believed homosexuality could be "cured", and the closet was packed to bursting. Much of this is seen through the vehicle of his younger self who app-ears alongside the older version on stage. This character came into

being when Mr Kramer started talking to himself over a decade ago. He does not consider this madness; psycho-analysis has made him com-fortable with this form of discourse. He saw value in it. "I found myself talking to a young boy and then I realised the boy was me, but a completely different individual with his own thoughts and character. We would often disagree. Then, I began writing down scenes between the two of us, began liking my younger self, and I wrote the kid's journey in the play, the journey towards his death."

The journey passes from discovery to guilt to momentary joy and towards Aids" .- As awful and agonising as it is, it has brought with it depth and wisdom. In a recent article in The New York Times he wrote: "My homosexuality, as unsatisfying as much of it was for so long, has been the single most defining characteristic in my

Mr Kramer pauses to take a call from Barbra Streisand's assistant who wants 12 copies of The Normal Heart script because Ms Streisand plans to put it on screen. A British Arena crew is making a film about Mr Kramer's life to be shown early next year. (His psychiatrist from London — where Mr Kramer spem much of the 1960s - refused to be interviewed for the documentary on ethical grounds, much. it seems, to the writer's disappointment.) A little bit of fame here and there delights him. The angry, obnoxious, loud-mouthed Mr Kramer, the caricature of someone else's play entitled The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me, the scourge of talk shows, the needler of the Bush administration, seems to

have gone quiet. After an argument, Mr Kramer has mostly left ACT-UP to the younger generation, feeling that there is little more he - or they - can do. "One thing that comes with knowing your days are numbered is that you say, 'OK, I'm gonna edit my life now', and you He has decided to concentrate on finishing his latest novel and has rented a house near the beach in East Hampton to escape to. Royalties from his books and plays and even his script for the Ken Russell film, Women in Love, mean he is self sufficient.

Tonight he is on fine form. but there are days when he gets depressed. Who would not? In the past ten years, he has attended too many funerals. Some of his friends who are HIV positive find their

Kramer is not sure whether therapy, a comfortable life or just plain gutsiness make it easier for him.
"I don't feel negative. I pat

myself on the shoulder that we all got through 12 years of Reagan-Bush without slitting our wrists. That says something about the indomitability of the human soul, that you can have faith and optimism even in the face of all the evidence to the contrary."

KATE MUIR

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Why do most women feel the urge to throw away the sports pages?

few years ago, I met a dynamic woman journalist who told me she was keen to launch a new daily paper aimed at a female readership. Unfortunately for the ensuing discourse, our meeting took place at the wrong end of a highly boozy book-award dinner, at that delirious point in the evening when you start to pass out in your chair, and think hey, that's nice, everyone's a bunny rabbit. So when this charismatic woman mentioned the newspaper idea. I couldn't think how to react, except with houndless enthusiasm. "Great," I shouted, so loudly that other people looked round. "Brilliant, I mean, brilliant," I added, in a whisper, and knocked back another glass of port as if to show how brilliant I thought it really was. "Er, how would it be different exactly? What would you put in?" Well the main thing is this." she said, "It's what you take out." I smiled in a vague what'sshe-talking-about kind of way, and concentrated for a couple of minutes on trying to rest my chin on my hand, without success. "All right, what do you take out?" I slurred at last, leaning forward. "You take out the sport," she said.

I never saw this woman again, but I often think of her. Until I met her, I would never have dared to assert that sport was uninteresting to all (or most) women; I just thought I had a blind spot. But now, when I open my Times in the morning, flipping the second section adroitly into the bin (only to rescue it later with a stifled scream and a flurry of soggy tea-bags, when I remember the arts pages) I know I am not alone. Similarly, when the Today programme reaches twenty-five past the hour ("Now, time for sport") and I rush about for precisely five minutes doing the noisy jobs such as bath-running and kettle-boiling, I am confident that countless other people are doing the same. And finally, when a programme such as Sports Review of the Year soaks up two hours of BBC1 peak-time on a Sunday night, I happily regard it as a gap in the schedule, and read a book. Fran Lebowitz spoke for me and for millions, I quite believe, when she said the only thing she had in common with sports fanstics was the right to trial by jury.

mention all this because on Sunday 1 eschewed the usual literary treat and forced myself to watch the Sports Review instead. I had heard about the time-honoured award for BBC Sports Personality of the Year, and envisaged it as a bit of a laugh, with householdname sports heroes lined up in swimsuits and sashes ("Mister Cricket", "Mister 100 Metres" and so on) trying to impress Desmond Lynam with their breadth of hobbies and love of travel, and nervously pushing back their tiaras as they paraded at the end. Of course, it turned out to be much less interesting than that, with lots of unidentifiable sports people got up like fimeral directors, but it did conclude quite as oddly, when Nigel Mansell (the winner, a racing driver) addressed the viewer at home and said that he would like to thank us all for supporting him.

For a moment he was so convincing that I

almost didn't notice. "Any time, Nige. Don't mention it, old son," I said, wiping a tear. But then I remembered that I never watch racing driving (can't stand the nyow-nyow; can't stomach the commentators: can't follow who's winning: hate the bit when they squirt champagne). And it suddenly occurred to me: These people don't know. They really don't know that sport is a minority interest. When they say "England" and assume you will understand a team of footballers, they forget completely that the word has another (if only a secondary) meaning. Far be it from me to argue that other people should not enjoy sport. It is merely childish to argue against something on the grounds that you don't know what they see in it. I just wish to point out, for those who didn't know, that in a large number of households the television news gets switched off automatically when the announcer says "Cricket, and at Edgbaston..." And also that sometimes, when drunk and in the pleasant company of the cast of Watership Down, one can believe for a bright shining moment that the collective indifference is so very marked, it might even be marketable.

## The Edinburgh summit proved that the prime minister is a consummate tactician, says Woodrow Wyatt

he brilliant Daisy Pulls It Off ran for years in the 1980s. From a poor background, Daisy had a harrowing period of being shunned and derided by her grander fellow schoolgirls. But her saving of the school from apparently inevitable disasters, culminly inevitable disasters, culminating in scoring the winning goal at hockey against its archrival, turned her into its admired leader. Similarly John Major's success at Edinburgh after months of attacks from all quarters (often I was almost alone supporting him in the press) has suddenly quelled doubts of his leadership quality. Britain could not have hoped for a better result and we need

Subsidiarity has been dealt with Annexes 1, 2 and 3 to the conclusions of the presidency issued on Sunday amply demonstrate this. The Commission from now on "will consult more widely before proposing legislatthe relevance of its initiative

no referendum.

John Major pulls it off with regard to the principle of noses in where they are not the annexes is that the Commis-

sion must give full advance warning of its intentions, not hitherto done. These can be discussed in Parliament, interference in purely national affairs irrelevant to the single market starting on January I can and will be prevented. The Commission is withdrawing breaches of the subsidiarity principle and accepts that "national powers are the rule and the Community's the excep-tion". The bright light of publicity ensures that the Brussels bureaucracy will become akin to the politically controlled civil service in Britain. The Edinburgh limit on increased spend-ing on administration of only 8 per cent between now and 1999

will result in not enough Brus-

sels bureaucrats to poke their needed. Fears of destruction of age-old national habits fast

France is isolated on Gatt, now certain to go ahead despite the fury of French farmers. True, the monstrous CAP will continue to absorb too much of the Community's income, but the downward pressure is on. It will be accelerated by the new anti-corruption rules to be enforced by the strengthened court of auditors, able at last to examine government officials in all EC countries. There will be helty penalties against governments not stamping out the massive frauds, mainly CAP. now costing EC taxpayers some E5 billion a year.

Norman Lamont splendidly clobbered the inflated Brussels

ostensibly to help growth: A hitle was conceded to help poorer countries but Spain's childish threats to smash all if not given more were exploded. The extra cost to us at £200. million a year is tiny compared with the £2 billion a year rebate preserved for Britain until the end of the century.

Douglas Hurd got the re-markable achievement of begin-

ning negotiations with Austria, Sweden and Finland to become full members of the EC at the start of 1993 before Maastricht is ratified. Norway will soon follow: Hungary and Poland and the Czechlands will shortly be invited to join, too. Excluding the newcomers to arrive, the: European Parliament from 1994 will have 567 members. In a few years, with additional

demands for vasily more cash countries, there will be over 1,000, rising perhaps to nearer 2,000 when Russia and others come along\_ Happily this will make the European Parliament completely incapable of supplanting national parliaments. confining it to being a harmless

talking shop.

With the prime minister and his foreign secretary in the forefront, all the opt-out concessions the Danish government felt were necessary for a Yes vote in the second referendum in late April or early May were made. The Schengen countries (Germany, France and the Benelux countries) may or may not decide on a single currency: no one else is obliged to. The proposed central European bank is now impopular even in Germany and there is no rebe in the ERM if unacceptable. Political union will never be more than a pious, unrealisable hope of Eurofanatics, though sensible co-operation in foreign policy is not excluded.

Mr Major, with determination and vision, has assuaged the fears of what is probably majority opinion in the EC and certainly is in those countries aiming to join, of being governed by an isolationist, anonymous, deaf Colossus in Brussels, divorced from the United States. Harold Wilson or Neville Chamberlain, with their limited outlook could never have done it. Mrs Thatcher should be pleased with her pupil. MPs should cease moving wrecking amend-ments to the Maastricht Treaty which won an overwhelming Commons majority at its second reading. If the Danes do not ratify it will collapse anyway, but in that event John Major will be seen as the European leader : best able to put the pieces

## Blundering into Bosnia

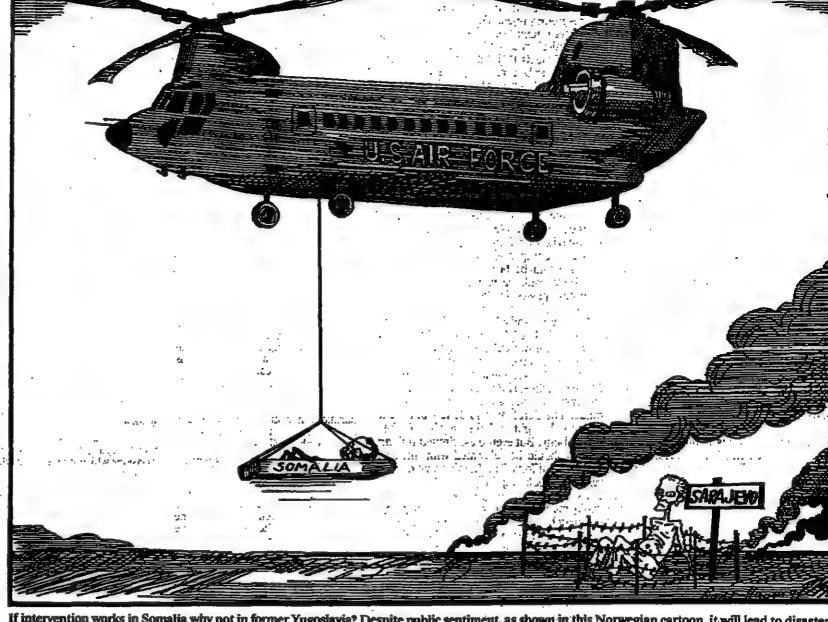
**Conor Cruise** O'Brien on the dangers of drifting into an unwinnable war

military intervention to end the bloodshed. Unfortunately such action would not end the bloodshed, but increase it enormously, at least in the short term.
"Rolling back" the Serbs out of
Bosnia would be an extremely costly operation in terms of lives of the invading forces and of civilians, both in Bosnia and Serbia. And even assuming that the Serbs were driven out of Bosnia, the invading forces, or large numbers of them, would have to remain in Bosnia indefinitely, to ensure that the Serbs did not come back.

Some influential American enthusiasts for intervention want the intervening forces to invade Serbia and occupy it. In that case it would be the military occupation of Serbia that would have to be continued indefinitely. In both cases, the victory of the interventionists would require an indefinite presence in what had been won: the independence of Bosnia. And the forces remaining for that task would be subject to sustained attrition by Serbian irregulars and probably also by Croats. Even attacks by Muslims indignant at the failure of the intervening forces altogether to repress or exterminate the Serbs could not be ruled out. Whatever the variations, an indefinitely-protracted war of attrition would become unavoidable.

In those conditions, as the body-bags continued to stream home, domestic pressure on the contributing countries to withdraw their forces would become irresistible. And when they were withdrawn, conditions in former Yugoslavia would be no better, and probably worse, than they had been before the

intervention began.
I am not arguing against the military convoying of humani-tarian relief. But there is a clear danger of escalation. Limited intervention, as now, will only have limited success: sporadic atrocities will continue, and will lead to clamour for the "beefing up" of the forces on the ground.



If intervention works in Somalia why not in former Yugoslavia? Despite public sentiment, as shown in this Norwegian cartoon, it will lead to disaster

Then further atrocities elicit further beeling up. If the clam-our is not resisted at some point, the process will continue until it culminates in the huge disaster of full-scale military intervention. This is one of those grim cases where the results of compassion can be even more cruel than the events which evoked the compassion in the first

It may be asked why largescale military intervention should be taking place in Somalia amid general approval but ected for Bosnia. The reason is that, militarily, Somalia is a much softer option than Bosnia. The violence in former Yugoslavia is wholsesale, with large, highly-motivated forces confronting one another. The violence in Somalia is mostly the work of gangsters pillaging relief supplies. So when George

Bush wanted to end his single presidential term with panache, exhibiting compassion and resolve on a large scale, his military advisers must have advised him, in effect: "Well if you must go in somewhere, try Somalia. Not Yugoslavia, not at

Though designed to appeal to the genuinely humanitarian instincts of millions of Americans, the US intervention is a cynical pseudo-humanitarian publicity exercise. Its political objective could be readily divined from its timing. Troops were available for deployment in Mogadishu the weekend before last, but stayed aboard the ships. The reason was explained by a television producer in Mogadishu: "At the weekend, American television news bulletins are not

In one respect, the situation in

Somalia resembles that of for-mer Yugoslavia: after the troops have been withdrawn, the country is liable to revert to its earlier condition. The American troops will stay as long as Mr Bush is president. His successor will then be faced with the awkward question of how to get the troops out, without that reversion happening. The idea, currently being canvassed, that the Americans can stitch together a Somali political solution which will endure after their departure, belongs in the realm of fantasy. Any political agreement would collapse once the US

The most favourable outcome for the Somalis, and which is within the bounds of possibility. is as follows: President Clinton acts a time-limit, perhaps six months, at the end of which the American troops will be with-

occupation was over.

drawn to be replaced by a United National international force. In the interim he makes sure the new international force is more effective than the one that has just failed. This will require adequate funding and diplomatic backing; supply of equipment and — most important of all—logistical support by the US Air Force. The UN force would still have a stay for a long time during which Somalia would be under virtual UN trusteeship. But that would be much better for ordinary Somahis than what they now have. If Mr Clinton can accomplish

that, Operation Restore Hope will deserve its name. If the : Americans simply march out, as they marched in, without en-abling the United Nations to replace the Americans effect ively, this will have been one of the most disgustingly cynical

"rescue" operations in history. It is an illusion that there can exist in international organisations, or in the international community, or in any power or group of powers an inexhaustible capacity to solve conflicts within any country (or former country). It is also an illusion to suppose that every international "problem" must have its solution. The situation inside former Yugoslavia is not a "problem": it consists of a number of conflicts, and conflicts do not have solutions: they have outcomes. The conflicts in former Yugoslavia already have a number of outcomes, most of which are probably irreversible. One outcome is the occupation of much of Muslim Bosnia by Serbs and Croats. This is a nasty outcome. But the attempt to impose a chimerical solution would be far nastier.

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## An Archer all a-quiver

would eclipse the Commons when the new breed of political heavyweights took their seats this autumn appear to have been greatly

Those expecting debates on the sanctity of the British sausage to be replaced by rousing oratory on the subject of Europe once Lords Howe, Lawson, Owen, Parkinson, Ridley, Tebbit, and Baroness Thatcher arrived have been disappointed. The most recent intake appears to spend more time debating in television studios than it does in the Upper House. Of the seven mentioned above only Lady Thatcher and Lord Howe have made their maiden speeches.

Lady Thatcher, expected by many to spearhead the campaign against Maastricht, has spoken only twice since she took her seat, and on one of those occasions she actually supported the government. The House of Lords' records show that by December 3 Lord Howe had also spoken on only two

One regular inhabitant of the chamber, who does not wish to be named, says: "We do not see Lords Tebbit, Lawson and Parkinson

very often. They have other jobs. I don't expect we will see much more of them after they have made their maiden speeches".

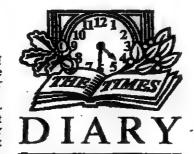
Lord Deedes has another explanation for the lack of excitement from the new peers. Not long after they were created, he predicted that they would be quickly tarned. "Tradition in the Lords has it that firebrands are quenched," Lord Deedes says.

One who is taking his new job extremely seriously is Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, who is to make his maiden speech tomorrow . Lord Archer, despite his numerous interests, has not missed a single sitting of the Lords in the past ten weeks.

"I was created a working peer," he says. "The prime minister asked me to work. It would be extremely shoddy of me not to do so. I have stayed silent for ten weeks just observing and finding out how the place works.

Having delivered his maiden speech in the Commons some 22 ears ago on the economy, his chosen subject for his debut in the other place is overseas aid, a subject

of long-term interest to him. Surprisingly, for one so practised

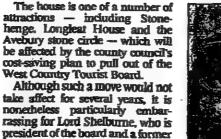


on the after-dinner circuit, Lord Archer says he is very nervous about delivering it. "I am working on my ninth draft," he says. Perhaps this is one reason why his tenth novel is still "at an early

#### Home alone?

THE Earl of Shelburne, confidant of both the Prince of Wales and Camilla Parker-Bowles, must be less than delighted to discover that his home, Bowood House, near Calne, may soon find itself excised from Wiltshire's tourist map.

Last week Mrs Parker-Bowies fled her own home near by -Middlewick House, near Corsham - to seek temporary sanctuary at Bowood, a magnificent 4,000-acre estate and one of the county's most popular sights.



Tory county councillor. We would be very sorry to see the council go, but in times of recession everyone is belt-tightening," a board spokesman says, and adds: "The earl has been very busy and I have not had a chance to talk to him about the move."

#### Woe, Mr Porter

JOHN Osborne is used to disappointment. When Look Back In Anger first appeared at The Royal Court Theatre in London's Sloane Square on May 8, 1956, the play's director, Tony Richardson, attempted to console its author, tormented by poor reviews, with: "You didn't expect them to like it,

So the recalcitrant Osborne had probably braced himself for bad news from Sotheby's, which yesterday failed to find a buyer for the original manuscript of the play.



• Invited aboard the royal yacht. Britannia, for the Queen's black-tie dinner at the Edinburgh summit, Helmut Kohl found himself sitting

next to the Prince of Wales. Did they discuss matters of state only, or did the prince's recent separation crop up in conversation? "You know German history," the chancellor grinned. "We are always tactful."

The bidding reached £22,000 and the manuscript, which covers 320 pages of a green octavo notebook and which Sotheby's had hoped would fetch between £30,000 and £40,000, was withdrawn.

But perhaps Osborne should not be too bitter about the sale. After all, £22,000 is not bad for a play Which took him only 17 days to

#### Soft option

CLEARLY it is not just professional singers whose throats are parched by the endless round of Christmas carol services: Princess Margaret, who attends the annual Macmillan Cancer Relief service at the Guards Chapel in Knightsbridge tomorrow, has given specific instructions to ease the passage of the evening.

Two beverages are to be made available. One is her favourite preprandial Famous Grouse whisky with still Highland Spring water and a cube of ice. The other is lemon barley water with half the juice of a lemon, a stice of lemon and another large cube of ice. In case she is driving, presumably.

● The long-awaited declaration of love that concluded the Nescafé Gold Blend saga made headlines last week. But such emotional outpourings have clearly proved draining. Tony Head, whose character has been pursuing the glam-orous neighbour played by Sharon Maughan for five years, was subsequently spotted in a south London wine bar — ordering decaffeinated.



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## **SLOW AWAKENING**

Bosnia needs help - and should get it soon

The hibernation of the West has been rudely interrupted by the roar and rattle from the Balkans, Suddenly the United States, France and other Western governments are talking of military-backed action as if it were a matter of weeks away, rather than a distant, unthinkable prospect. The new alertness is much to be welcomed.

Even a week ago, we feared that Washington would maintain a passive, even timid approach to the Balkan crisis. The call of president-elect Bill Clinton for the enforcement of a no-fly zone over Bosnia has begun to dispel that notion. There seemed a real risk that the American foray into Somalia would be a substitute for action in the former Yugoslavia. An American official was asked recently if the Somalia operation had set a precedent for Bosnia. "We don't do mountains," he replied.

Now, it appears, America is prepared to take mountains in its stride, or at least fly over them. A coherent policy is emerging and the Americans seem ready to lead jointly a Western effort to help what is left of the shattered Bosnian Republic. France too has recognised that diplomacy will only be effective if backed by a credible military threat. The Geneva Conference on Wednesday is set to discuss how military action can further complement diplomacy.

The British government, having weathered the Edinburgh summit and secured a e sensible if temporary compromise on Macedonia, must now focus as clearly as its Nato partners on the Balkan issue. It is sad, and rather absurd, that the Ministry of Defence and the Foreign Office should have been talking with such different tongues for so many weeks. As defence secretary, Malcolm Rifkind naturally has a duty to warn of the possible casualties in the event of military intervention. But justifiable anxiety should not mean paralysis.

Time is running out. The winter is advancing on Sarajevo and other beleaguered Bosnian cities. Tentative talks on . opening up aid corridors to the Bostian capital have ended without agreement. If, as seems probable, Slobodan Milosevic wins the Serbian presidential election on December 20, he may attempt to patch up a deal with Croatia to dismember Bosnia. Unless Mr Milosevic undergoes some kind of Pauline conversion, his next step will then be to shift southwards to Kosovo, the cradle of Serbian nationalism and a logical rallying point for a divided country. Ethnic Albanians, who make up the large majority there, are simmering after years of repression.

The sequence of events is not difficult to imagine: Beigrade helps Serbs in Kosovo to put down ethnic Albanian unrest; ethnic. Albanians from neighbouring Macedonia come to the aid of their cousins; the Macedonian government begins to look unsteady and Serbia moves on to Macedonia. Greece, Albania, Turkey and Bulgaria could then be sucked into a third Balkan war. A large UN contingent must urgently be sent to Macedonia to prevent this chain of events. The Geneva Conference should be able to agree on this relatively uncontrover-

sial step and the United Nations should be pressed to authorise the dispatch of the necessary force.

But the doubts of Mr Rifkind and the army establishment on a broader Bosnian mission have to be answered, if a coherent British and European policy is to be developed quickly. An air exclusion zone sounds simple, but it is not. The Serbs are not dependent on their airpower to carry out the worst of their abuses, some of which were chronicled vividly yesterday by our correspondent in Sarajevo. Gaining command of the skies will not end, or reverse, ethnic cleansing, nor will it restore the territorial integrity of Bosnia. Nor would it go any way towards toppling the Belgrade regime.
These would be war aims and the West is not yet at war with Serbia.

There are also practical problems with policing the Bosnian skies. Combatants might well start painting their supply and attack helicopters with red crosses. To make the no-fly zone work there will have to be -tight air traffic controls, all airfields will have to be closed and all aid flights watched lest they be shadowed by war planes. AWACS reconnaissance will have to be supported by on-the-ground intelligence.

Having established command of the sky, new political and military questions arise. Should airfields be bombed? Should Western air power be used to provide support for aid convoys? And what if Serb forces, angered by American attacks on their aircraft, decide to wreak revenge on the British or other ground contingents?

These are the concerns of those opposed. on pragmatic grounds, to a limited air, land and sea operation in defence of humanitarian relief work. Extending the UN rules of engagement and allowing ground forces adequately to defend themselves would be a step in the right direction. But then, say the secptics, the whole mission in former Yugoslavia would have been transformed into a creeping military intervention: war planes would be buzzing over Bosnia, the Cheshires would be engaged in fire fights in mountain passes. Is that not war by another

The West is still a long way short of all-out war with Serbia. The moves currently on the agenda have two aims: to support humanitarian relief of the Bosnians and to deter the spread of the war to Kosovo or Macedonia. These objectives should be made plain from the moment the air policing decision is made. The Serbs have to be tested; an end has to be put to the myth of their invincibility. But even these limited military. actions should be calibrated with intensive diplomatic efforts. The Russians, who again yesterday spoke against anti-Serbian sancgions, have to be persuaded that the deployment of war planes has not displaced the search for a negotiated political settlement in former Yugoslavia. Indeed, the Geneva Conference will provide the West with useful opportunities to persuade Russia and other anti-interventionist states to engage more actively in what may the most complex diplomatic puzzle of the 1990s.

### WITHOUT APOLOGY

We should not have to defend ourselves against the Soley Bill

have been asked to Westminster today to consider a bill which "requires" them to present news with due accuracy and impartiality" and empowers government appointees to make sure that they do so. Under measures proposed by Clive Soley. MP and discussed with depressing solemnity in the House of Commons, a member of the cabinet would choose a panel with unprecedented powers to instruct newspapers in what to print.

There ought properly to be nothing for editors to talk about here. If the bill were to be made law, the Secretary of State for National Heritage (or whatever other new department or non-department were deemed appropriate in future) would be able to choose 21 people to decide whether or not. a statement in a newspaper was accurate and, if not, how it should be corrected.

The draft bill assures its readers that these people would be drawn from young and old, black and white, northerners and southerners, fit and disabled. The members' adherence to the "current demographic pattern of the UK" would be beyond reproach. Their unifying principle would, however, be much more significant than what divided them: each of their careers as press-policemen would be dependent on a political master.

This is not a good time to present the virtues of an unfertered press before the people of Britain. It rarely is a good time. Last week the prime minister announced the royal separation to packed benches on both sides of the House of Commons; the political mood on that day was one of common loathing towards the tabloid newspapers whose "invasions" of palace privacy had allegedly precipitated a crisis. People who happily buy newspapers every day are always happy to hate them on some days; often they lack little for justification.

The issue here is not, however, one of controlling excessive behaviour. The issue is of allowing a statutory body, established with legal powers by politicians, to enforce upon newspapers what they should publish

and what they should not. Long argument is possible, probably inevitable today, about the difficulty of establishing when a correction to a newspaper statement is required. Most state-

Senior representatives of the British press ments in the press are not by journalists themselves, they are by politicians, businessmen, and sportsmen about their friends, enemies and rivals. How is the correctness of a Labour statement about a Tory policy to be adjudicated?

> wringing about how certain journalists abuse freedoins that have been hard won on their behalf. Little heed should be paid to. any of this. Journalists, like every other group among us, behave badly from time to time. The unpleasant results are plain for all to see. What is not so plain is the benefit from allowing journalist the freedom to make mistakes, to behave in ways that other people dislike. The hidden benefit is that the free press exists, that governments know that it exists, that the rulers are thus the less easily able to rob, rook and otherwise trouble the

> behave, the more obscured the benefits of their freedom tend to be. Thus it is that the defenders of the freest possible press are never more needed than when press freedoms are most abused.

MP who has enjoyed little prospect of office in the last decade and wants to do good. It is understandable that well-meaning men such as he should want to moderate what he sees as bad behaviour by others. But Mr Soley is not necessarily a harmless man. A body which today enforces its view of what is correct and should be corrected might tomorrow prove useful for enforcing other

well-meant improvements in the press. Press Complaints Commission, which has gained growing confidence both in itself and among those who have dealt with it. Let the arguments be about the remit and composition of that body. Let there be talk even of empowering the PCC, or some successor

A statutory body should not be under consideration. A newspaper that opposes a government can on occasions try to destroy it. Those occasions will be rare. But they should be there. And there should be no politically appointed panel, however repre-

sentative or sincere, to hinder or abet that

There is equally ample space for hand-

The more disreputably that journalists

Mr Soley is a reasonable man, a Labour

There is currently a voluntary body, the group, to impose fines upon papers, as well as orging them to publish adjudications.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### More demands on Why education of prisoners has been put out to tender army resources From the Minister of State,

From General Sir Philip Christison

Sir, Since August 1991 we, as former General Officers Commanding Scotland, have been expressing our disquiet that the army will not have enough infantry battalions to meet its commitments if the full cuts proposed under Options for Change went ahead. Since then extra units have been needed in Northern Ireland and Bosnia. Gaps between emergency tours are now only 15 months against

a declared target of two years.

The foreign secretary has expressed his belief that further calls on our limited resources will come from Europe and the United Nations. Experience in Northern Ireland shows the folly of planning on any troop reductions there. The Hong Kong scene looks far from settled.

Scottish members of Parliament are to call on the defence secretary on December 17. They will urge him to review his plans now to reflect the world as it is and not as his advisers wish it to be. When decisions are taken, as surely they must be, to retain more infantry battalions, we trust that the excellent manning records of the Scottish regiments will be taken into

Yours etc., PHILIP CHRISTISON (1947-9). DEREK LANG (1966-9). HENRY LEASK (1969-72), CHANDOS BLAIR (1972-6), DAVID SCOTT-BARRETT (1976-9), MICHAEL GOW (1979-80), DAVID YOUNG (1980-2). SANDY BOSWELL (1982-5) NORMAN ARTHUR (1985-8), JOHN MacMILLAN (1988-91), c/o 17 Ainslie Place, Edinburgh 3. December 13.

#### Balkan concerns

From the Ambassador of Greece

Sir, The fear expressed in your editorial, "Against aggression" (December 5), that "Were Serbian forces to move south, Bulgaria, Albania and even Greece could join a war of partition, reviving ancient territorial claims", is totally unfounded as far as Greece is concerned.

indeed, Greece has repeatedly stated in the most categorical manner that she has neither the desire to partition, nor any designs or any claims whatsoever on, the territory of

the Republic of Skopje.

In fact, only a few weeks ago, at the instigation of the Greek prime minister, Mr Constantine Mitsotakis, all Greece, Bulgaria, Serbia and Albania - jointly undertook to guarantee the inviolability of the borders of the former Yugoslav republic of Macedo-

Greece has no intention of involving herself in any "war" at all. Do you not think that there is a danger that so much talk about war could in the end become a self-fulfilling prophecy?

Yours faithfully GEORGE D. PAPOULIAS, Greek Embassy. la Holland Park, W11. December 9.

#### Plain English

From Mrs Ruth Winram

Sir, Mr John Pugsley's letter (December 3) highlights the prejudices that many people, even on the eve of 1993, still maintain towards foreign languages. There are certain phrases which in their source language are far more graphic, concise and eloquent than if they are translated.

Are we to emasculate our language to such a point that any phrases which might be considered difficult or elitist should be banned? Why stop at foreign phrases? We would soon be at a nadir of linguistic expression unmatched even by Enid Blyton.

The richness of any language develops from its history and its contact with other countries and their language and literature. It is high time that we all realise this.

Yours faithfully RUTH WINRAM, Lingua Franca Language Services. The Red House, Church Lane, Middleton St George, Darlington, Co. Durham.

#### School league tables From Mr Michael Benham

Sir, The head master of William Hulme's Grammar School, Manchester (letter, December 3) imputes perverse logic" to Mr John Patten over his treatment of this year's GCSE results. I see no perversity.

However suspect the validity of these results may be, they are the only ones available, and accordingly, once the decision to publish had been taken (a matter for a different debate), the only ones Mr Patten could use. Your newspaper, the government and others have all warned against using the tables as a measure of schools success or failure; if this is being done, it is - inevitably, perhaps - the media and the public who are doing it, not the minister.

Yours faithfully J. M. BENHAM, Pandy House, Bakehouse Lane. Ockbrook, Derbyshire.

of Prisons have criticised variations in education provisions in prisons. According to the former:

Sir. In congratulating Mr J. Tall on gaining three A levels in prison fletter, December 5) I must correct his misconception about prison education. The government has not decided "to contract out these services to the private sector from April 1, opportunity and a stimulus to prepare for a useful independent life or reinforces his uselessness and alienation. 1993". Neither do the changes we are having to make stem from a desire to

cut costs "with little regard to quality". Our purpose is to stimulate new and better ways of carrying out existing tasks by inviting tenders from both the public and private sector. The con-tracts will be placed with those who offer the best combination of quality and price.

The changes are necessary because on April 1, 1993, local education authorities, which currently provide prison education, will lose most of their responsibilities for further edu-cation, including the majority of courses which make up the core of most education programmes in pris-

We have therefore been obliged to make alternative arrangements, and we see competitive tendering as the most effective way of ensuring the highest standard of education across the whole of the service.

We made clear in the 1991 white paper, Custody, Care and Justice, that education is an essential part of the opportunities which must be provided in a Prison Service establishment. However, both the House of Commons education, science and arts committee and HM Chief Inspector

Our consideration of the variation of education provision available to detainees in different young offender institutions leads us to conclude that the system is not just. It is a matter of locality and pure chance whether detention for a young offender gives him a decent educational

I think we can do better than this. Through more detailed specification of prisoners' requirements, establishment by establishment, competition and more rigorous monitoring, we will be better able to ensure that in future prison education programmes are of consistently high quality.

A good current provider who wishes to continue will win unless there is someone else who can do better. Either way, it is the interests of prisoners like Mr Tall that will be

Yours sincerely. PETER LLOYD. Home Office. Queen Anne's Gate, SW1. December 9.

From Mr Colin Riches

Sir, For six years I have run an art and craft workshop in a maximum security prison as part of the prison's education programme. I recently researched the role of this workshop (which won a National Art-Collections Fund award earlier this year) and the contribution which it made to the regime.

Data from the prison's own records showed that there was a 29 per cent reduction in offences against discipline among prisoners employed in the workshop. This improvement in behaviour was particularly evident among some prisoners who had long

records of disruptive behaviour. Additional statistical and anecdotal data from prison staff also indicated that there were notable improvements in the behaviour and attitudes of these men. Of the 30 prison officers questioned, 29 said that the workshop made a valuable contribution to the prison regime.

Prison teachers of all subjects know from experience that such an outcome is not unusual. They also know that it is the fruit of their thorough knowledge of their subject, married with a sensitivity to the requirements of the prison as well as to the needs of the prisoners.

The current headlong rush to put prison education out to tender and the consequent sacking of existing education staff could so easily sacrifice this

hard-won professional expertise.
It would be tragic if Home Office ministers were to discover, too late, that the existing education provision in our prisons is a better deal than they will get from the competitive tendering process.

Yours sincerely, COLIN RICHES, Art and Design Centre, HM Prison Albany. Parkhurst, Isle of Wight. December 10.

#### Wages inspection

From Mr Bill Callaghan

Sir, According to your report of December 4 (British officials urged to relax"), the prime minister "intends giving the "little Hitlers" of town hall and Whitehall their marching orders". "Here in Britain", he said, are sometimes over-punctilious in enforcing directives when lighter controls are tolerated elsewhere."

Such language constitutes an unnecessary slur on public servants and on the high standards of public service. Wages councils inspectors are not "little Hitlers"; they are often the last line of defence for 2½ million lowpaid workers, most of whom are

It is the government that chooses which regulations to enforce by the decisions which it takes on its deployment of resources. In 1979 approximately 177 wages inspectors policed the 30,000 establishments covered by the wages council system; by November 1992, this number had been reduced to 54. Now the government intends to abolish the 26 remaining wages councils.

The TUC is opposed to abolition and is concerned at the past and current inability of wages inspectors to enforce the law on wages councils' rates. In 1991, 5.971 firms (approximately one third of all establishments inspected) were found to be paying below minimum rates. Between 1979 and 1991, 106,000 firms were found to be underpaying their staff.

In the forthcoming review of regulations the TUC wants the government to pay attention to strengthening the social protection that regulations bring, and not just look at the alleged burden" on business.

Yours faithfully, BILL CALLAGHAN (Secretary), TUC Public Services Committee, Congress House, Great Russell Street, WCI. December 4.

#### **Guilty pleas**

From Professor Michael McConville and Mr Lee-Bridges

Sir. We note the findings of a survey by the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice (report, December 9) that over 1,000 defendants plead guilty in the crown court each year when their legal representative has doubt about their guilt and believes that the plea has been entered only to obtain a sentence discremt.

Apart from the obvious concern that the system is thereby inducing innocent people to plead guilty rather than risk more serious penalties for exercising their right to trial, the findings draw attention to an apparent failure on the part of defence barristers to prevent such miscarriages from occur-

ring. We have always understood that the ethical codes of the Bar and judicial rules laid down in decided cases require that in the above circumstances the barrister should prevent the entry of a guilty plea or withdraw from the case.

We would be interested to learn whether the Bar Council is proposing to investigate this apparent failure to comply with professional codes of

Yours sincerely. MICHAEL McCONVILLE, LEE BRIDGES (Legal researcher). University of Warwick, School of Law. Coventry, West Midlands CV4 7AL December 9.

#### Scales of justice

From Mr Jack Davis Sir, The reference to George Blake in your editorial, "Time for mercy" (November 28), concerning the Is-raeli prisoner Mordechai Vanumi

was most apposite.
Blake, whose crimes as a double agent well merited his 42-year sentence, was not subjected to any special restrictions as in the case of Vanunu. but allowed to mix freely with other prisoners. He was then able to escape

and to betray hundreds of fellow Unlike President Herzog at the present time, the then Mr Roy Jenkins, as home secretary, was perhaps not aware of the rabbinic saying: Those who are merciful to the wicked are wicked to the inno-

Yours sincerely, JACK DAVIS, The Cottage. Rock Mount. Nr Peel, Isle of Man.

cent."

### Drivers who smoke

From Dr R. Scott Russell

Sir, You report (November 30) that insurance companies are considering charging reduced premiums to nonsmokers. The basis of this proposal appears to be accident statistics on the other side of the Atlantic.

I suggest that before the insurance companies take any such action, which would presumably portend increased premiums for smokers, they consider drivers who smoke pipes. For over 50 years I drove with a clean licence, usually with a pipe in my mouth. Undoubtedly it contributed to my patience and tolerance on crowded roads. Might reduced premiums for pipe-smokers not be considered?

This letter is not inspired by any personal motive. An eye problem lately led me to stop driving. Yours faithfully.

R. SCOTT RUSSELL The Grange, East Hanney, Wantage, Oxfordshire.

#### Wonder of science

From Professor Emeritus Peter H. Plesch

Sir, Once again know-all Levin has produced a piece of fatuous rubbish which it was a waste of time to write, to print, and to read ("Incredible shrink-

ing world", December 10). Why let one with his skills and knowledge pronounce scurrilously and damagingly on something of which he has but the scantiest knowledge and understanding? Would you print a deaf person's opinion on a concert performance or a blind person's review of a fashion show?

Scientific research is the quest for new knowledge and understanding of all aspects of our world.

All humanity, and especially this country, is in need of more and better science, and it is therefore irres-

ponsible for someone of Mr Levin's

eputation to generate spurious ridi-

cule on an important realm of

knowledge and some of its practitioners of proven ability. What we need urgently is more sympathy and better understanding of science, and a desire and determination in our brightest young people to participate in this wonderful and

Yours etc., P. H. PLESCH, University of Keele, Department of Chemistry, Staffordshire ST5 5BG. December 11.

exciting quest.

#### GPs' savings

From Dr Myer Goldman

Sir, Your report (December 7) of the huge savings made by GP fundholders which they can use to extend their own surgeries confirms the worst forebodings of those of us who opposed the reforms.

These large sums should be used to benefit patient care in hospital departments which are being deprived of legitimate funds by a peculiarly imbalanced system which makes accurate budgeting impossible.

What is more, the system your report describes whereby consultants run out-patient clinics in GP surgeries is, of course, beneficial to the patients of that practice but detrimental to those of non-fundholding GPs as they effectively, bypass the hospital clinic waiting-lists and thus jump the queue for radiological and laboratory investigations.

Yours sincerel MYER GOLDMAN Consultant radiologisti. 36 Druids Cross Gardens, Liverpool 18. December 7.

#### Without support

From Ms Frances Hasler

Sir, I spent much time recently talking with a man whose job it is to help newly paralysed patients in Stoke Mandeville hospital, Buckinghamshire, back to independent lives in their own homes. Like me, he had just earned that the Department of Social Security's independent living fund, which makes cash payments to severely disabled people to enable them to employ help at home, has been axed, leaving a five-month gap before any new arrangements come

into effect. What is he to say to clients who cannot live at home without assistance? They face several unnecessary extra months in hospital: costly to the NHS, demoralising for them. It is indefensible to remove one source of support before another one is in place.

Yours sincerely. FRANCES HASLER (Director), Greater London Association of Disabled People, 336 Brixton Road, SW9. December 12.

#### Spot the repeat

From Sir Robert Sanders Sir, With due respect to Mr Philip Grant (letter, December 14), surely the question is how does the BBC propose to show original programmes that will not be taken for repeats?

Yours faithfully, ROBERT SANDERS, Greystones Lodge, Broich Terrace. Crieff, Perthshire. December 14.

### The last frontier?

From Mr Seweryn Chomet

Sir, It is encouraging in these days of religious conflict to see that a famous London department store is selling a Christmas pudding certified kosher by rabbinical authorities I suppose this is as close as we shall

ever get to full reconciliation. Yours faithfully, SEWERYN CHOMET. King's College London,

Department of Physics. Strand, WC2, December 14.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.



#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 14: The Duke of Edinburgh, President, The Maritime Trust, this evening attended a Dinner in the "Cutty Sark", Greenwich, London SE10.

Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** December 14: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening held a Meeting at Buckingham Palace

KENSINGTON PALACE December 14: The Princess of Wales, Patron, Chicken Shed Theatre Company, this evening attended a Gala Performance at the Place Theatre, 17 Dukes Road, London

Mr Patrick Jephson was in attendance KENSINGTON PALACE December 14: The Duke of Gloucester today visited Der- 5W3.

byshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Derbyshire (Colonel

His Royal Highness, Grand Prior, Order of St John, was present at a luncheon to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of St John Cadets and the conclusion of the (Over to You John) Appeal at the Royal Regency Banqueting Suite, Wharncliffe Road, Ilkeston.

Afterwards The Duke of Gloucester visited Hardwick Hall, Doe Lea, Chesterfield, and later visited Bolsover Castle, Bolsover.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, was represented by Mrs Michael Harvey this afternoon at a Memorial Service for Lady McCreery which was held at St Luke's Church, Chelsea, London

#### Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investinge at Buckingham Palace at 11.00. The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron of the British Athletic Federation, will present awards and world record plaques at Buckingham Palace at 10.30; as patron and trustee will attend receptions for young people who have reached the gold standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at St James's Palace at 11.30 and 4.00; and as Patron and Trustee of the Interational Council, accompanied by Prince Edward, trustee and chair-man, will attend a reception and dinner for The Duke of Edin-burgh's Award World Fellowship

at St James's Palace at 7.35. The Prince of Wales, as President of Business in the Community, will attend the annual meeting and reception of the Per Cent Club at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, at 6.15. The Princess of Wales, as Patron of

Turning Point, will attend the conferenc "The Voluntary Sector in the Next Decade" at Merchant Taylors' Hall at 10.30.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the National Association of Vic-tims Support Schemes, will attend a meeting of the advisory board at Church House at 2.00; and will attend a reception at Canning House at 6.00. The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of

the Spastics Society and of UNI-CEF UK, will attend the Joy to the World Christmas concert at the Albert Hall at 7.15 in aid of the society, UNICEF, and the Royal Marsden Hospital. Princess Alexandra will visit St

Christopher's Hospice. Sydenham, at 2.30; and will attend a performance of the Mes-siah at Westminster Central Hall at 7.20 arranged by CR(SIS in aid of homeless people.

#### **Anniversaries**

BIRTHS: Nero, 5th Roman emperor AD54-68, Antium (Anzio), AD 37; George Romney, portrait painter, Daltonin-Furness, Lancashire, 1734; Alexandre Gustave Eiffel, builder of the tower bearing his name, Dijon, 1832; Niels Finsen, physician, Nobel lau-reate 1903, Tórchauz, Faroe Islands, 1860.

DEATHS: Jan Vermeer, painter, Delft, 1675; Isaac Walton, the "Father of Angling", Winchester, 1683; Charles Stanhope, 3rd Earl

aerodynamics, Scarborough, 1857; Sitting Bull, chief of the Sioux, on Grand River, South Dakota, 1890; Gregory Rasputin, monk, favourite at the Russian court, murdered, St Petersburg, 1916; Charles Laughton, actor, Hollywood, 1952; Walt Disney, animated cartoonist and film producer, Los Angeles, 1966.

The remains of Napoleon Bonaparte were deposited in Les Invalides, Paris, 1840.

The Canadian Padiament of science, Chevening, 1816; Official symbol for the national Sir George Cayley, pioneer of flag, 1964.

shal Sir John Fitzpatrick, 63; Miss ector, Royal Institution, Ida Haendel, violinist, 68; Mr essor M.H.F. Wilkins, Ida Haendel, Violinist, Mr essor M.H.F. Wilkins, Ida Haendel, Violinist, Mr essor M.H.F. Wilkins, Mr essor M.H.F.

DEATHS



Safe conduct: Deborah Bull, of the Royal Ballet, and Glenn Wilkinson, of the Ballet Rambert, watched by Jane Attenborough at the Royal Festival Hall yesterday launching a charter to make choreographers, teachers and employers responsible for dancers' health and safety

Roberts and Dr Renneth Garlick, (Balliol College), Professor Tony Honoré (All Souis College), Professor Ack Pole (St Catherines College), Dr William Parry (Oriel College), Dr Geoffrey Young Desus College), Dr Geoffrey Young Desus College) and Dr Alan Bell (Rhodes House Library).

Lord and Lady Blake, Lord Bullock, Lord and Lady Blake, Lord Bullock, Lord and Lady Bay, Margarer Lady Gore-Booth, Lord Roll of Ipsden, Lord and Lady Jay, Margarer Lady Netherthorpe, Lord Richardson of Dumisbourne, E.G. and Lady Richardson, Lady Vaizey, Baroness Young, Lord and Lady Vaizey, Baroness Young, Lord and Lady

Margarer Lady Nechemborge, Lord Richardson of Dumisbourne, EG, and Lady Richardson, Lady Valzey, Buroness Young, Lord and Lady Greenhill of Harrow, the Hon Sir Henny Fisher (Pilgrim Trust), the Hon Nigel Turner (Lazard Brothers), Sir John and Lady Riddell, Sir Geoffrey Warnock and Beroness Warnock, Lady Berlin, Sir Edward Ford Secretary and registrar, Order of Merid, Sir Julian Bullard (Order of St Michael and St George), Sir Roblin Butter (representing the Civil Service), Sir John Thomson.

Sir Beric Faultmer, Sir Anthony Kenny (Rhodes Trust), Sir David Steel (Wellcome Trust and The Economise Trust Cyclicome Trust Professor Str David Weatherall, Sir Paul Osmond (Bristol Granamar School and the Old Bristolians Scotlety), Sir Alan Cairnetoss, Sir John and Lady Hayler, Sir Parick Rellly, Sir Alified and Lady Shepperd, Dame Mary Smileton, Sir Geoffrey and Lady Wilson, Vice-Admiral Sir Ynllip Weston,

## Memorial service

Head of the Diplomatic Ser-

vice were represented by Sir

Donald Logan and the Lord

Lieutenant of Oxfordshire by

Sir Edgar Williams, accompa-

nied by Lady Williams. The Chancellor of the Duchy of

Lancaster attended. Among

others present were:

Others present were:

The Hon Mrs Dinwiddy (faughter), Mrs Rosalind Felis and Mrs Joanna Spenter (sisters), Mr Stanley Wright (son-in-law); Earl Waldegrave, Lord Jenkins of Hillhead (chancellor), Oxford University) with Professor Sir Richard Southwood (vice-chancellor), Dr A J Dorey (registrar), the Provost and Feliows of Queen's Collège, Peliows and staff of Worcester Collège, the President of the Worcester Collège, the President of the Worcester Collège, the President and Feliows of Wolfson Collège, the Rector of Lincoln Collège, the Wurden of Ali Souls Collège, the Vice-President of Magdalen Collège, the Wurden of Ali Souls Collège, the Vice-President of Corpus Collège, the Principal of Jesus Collège, the Principal of Jesus Collège, the Master of St. Cotherthe's Collège, the Master of St. Cottos Collège, the Collège, Tottos Othman Oboleristy (Christ Church Collège), Professor Press Brunt (Brisenose Collège), Professor Adam Davier (Somerville Collège), Professor Adam

Lord Franks, OM The Queen was represented by Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, and the Duke of Edinburgh by Lord Porter of Luddenham. OM, at a memorial service for Lord Franks, OM, held on Saturday at the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford. The Prince of Walcs was represented by Sir Nicho-

las Henderson. The Rev Brian Mountford. the Rev P.J.M. Southwell, Chaplain of Queen's College, and Canon N.T. Wright, Chaplain of Worcester College, officiated. Miss Emma Dinwiddy, granddaughter, and the Hon Mrs Alison Wright, daughter, read the lessons. Mr R.G. Smethurst, Provost of Worcester College, gave an address.

The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and the Permanent Under-Secretary of State and

komst, 88; Sir Henry Hardman, civil servant, 87; Mr Joe Jordan, Birthdays today Mr David Abell, chairman and footballer, 41: General Sir Frank Kison, 66; Desconess Dr Una Kroll, writer and broadcaster, 67; Mr David McMurray, head-master, Oundle School, 55; Mr Oscar Niemeyer, architect, 85; Miss Edna O'Bolen, writer, 56; chief executive, Suter, 50; Mrs Valerie Aggett, principal, Holborn Lew Tutors, 42: Mr Michael dancy, theatre director, 54: Mr Clive Brittain, racehorse trainer. 59; the Earl of Commandant Anne Spencer, dir-Buckinghamshire, 48; Lord Croham, 75; Mr Graham Dorey, Bailliff of Guernsey, 60; Air Marector, WRNS, 54; Professor Sir John Meurig Thomas, former dir-

Dinners

Guild of Freemen of the City of London The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheritis ores, accompanied by the Sherma and their ladles, amended the annual dinner of the Guild of Freemen of the City of London held last night at Guildhall. Mr Derek L. Kemp presided.

varion. Mr Kevin Knott (representing the

Lord Mackey of Clashfern was

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#### Service dinner

**Combined Cadet Force** Air Chief Manshal Sir Roger Palin, Air Member for Personnel, was the principal guest at a Combined Cadet Force dinner held last night at the Imperial Hotel Con-rounder D.J. Whittaker, Hab-erdasher's Aske's School presided. Among others present were General Sir Geofrey Howlett, Vice-Admiral Sir Hugh Thompson, Resp

#### University of Porismouth

The University of Portsmouth is to confer Honorary Doctorates on Lord Palumbo of Walbrook, Chan-cellor of the University and Chairman of the Arts Council: Mrs Virginia Bottomley, PC, MP, Secretary of State for Health; Professor William Davey, formerly President of Portsmouth Polytechnic; Professor John Elliott, Regius Professor of Modern History at the University of Oxford; Sir Gordon Higginson, Vice-Chan-cellor of the University of Southampton; Professor Sir Mark. Richmond, Chairman of the Science and Engineering Research Council; and Mrs Anta Roddick, OBE, founder and group managing director of The Body Shop.

There will be a special conferment ceremony at St Thomas's Cathedral, Old Portsmouth, on February 24, 1993.

#### Luncheons

HM Government The Hon Douglas Hurd, Sec-retary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and Mrs Hurd held a farewell huncheon resterday at 1 Cariton Gardens in honour of the Ambassador of Luxembours.

Rotary Clab of London The Ambassadors of Bulgaria and Senegal attended the annual luncheon of the Rotary Club of London held yesterday at the London Marriott Hotel, Mr Nev-

### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr P.B. Agget and Miss S.J. Molander The forthcoming marriage is announced between Paul Bernard, elder son of the late Professor FJ. Aggett and of Mts F.P. Aggett. of Auckland. New Zealand, and Sarah lane, elder describer of the lane. rah Jane, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs T.D.W. Molander, of Norwich, Norfolk,

Mr P. Bracken

and Ms K. Knell The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mrs Mavis Bracken, of Wilmslow, Cheshire, and Kathie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Mike Knell, of High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

and Miss L.R.M. Tosh

The engagement is announced between Russell, son of Mr and Mrs Keith Meagher, of Uxbridge, Middlesex, and Lucinda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Tosh, of West Clandon, Surrey.

Mr N.B.S. Medhurst and Miss N.Y. Jones and Miss N.Y. Jones
The engagement is announced between Nigel, elder son of Mr and Mrs Brian Medhurst, of Fleet, Hampshire, and Nicole, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Trevor Jones, of Upper Langford, Avon.

#### Marriages

Mr M.J. Bayler
and Miss H.M. Gore
The marriage took place in
London on December 12, between
Michael Bayler, of London and Helena Gore, of Taynuilt, Argyll. Mr R.R. Feilden

and Mrs E.H. Braid The marriage took place on December 12, 1992, at St Dunstan's Church, Mayfield. East Sussex, between Richard Feilden and Eileen Braid. Mr J.D. Skinne

and Miss T.L. Atherton The marriage took place on Sat-urday, December 12, 1992, at the Church of the immaculate Conception, Farm Street, between Mr James Dermot Skinner and Miss Tamsin Louise Atherton. The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attended by Laura and Oliver Mass. James Wyatt, and Alexandra and Helena Caunt. Mr Patrick Doherty was best man.

A reception was held at the Lansdowne Club and the honey-moon will be spent in Canada.

#### Saint Felix School. Southwold, Suffolk

Cella Gates has been appointed Head of School with Catherine Purling as her Deputy. Charlotte Blair has been appointed Games Captain and Joanna Brown will be Head of Gardiner Lower VI House. Saint Felix Junior Carol Service will be at 11.00am on Wednesday, December 16, in the School Chapel and the Senior Carol Service will be held in St Edmund's Church, Southwold at 2.30pm that afternoon. Term ends on Thursday, December 17.

#### Denholm Elliott

A celebration in memory of Denholm Elliott, CBE, will be held speaker at a dinner held last night at the Athenaeum. The Right Rev Lord Runcie was in the chair.

Admiral J E Shiffaer, Major-General F ille Shulman, president, was the in C Shapland, Major-General F T Fermitor, Chair and Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk London, W1, on Tuesday, January Lord Runcie was in the chair.

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2000 - On December 11th at Flenieg-on-Thames, Romald D'oyley Good, M.A., Sc.D. Profesor Emerica of Botany in the University of Hull. Beloved father of Pathy Grimsley, Private cremation. Vacanties, 40011 E-55022

December 14th 1992.
Pemels Shirley. Beloved wife, mother, nister and friend. aged 57 years.
Funeral Service in St. Michael's Church, West Hill., Otery St. Mary, at 1 pm on Friday December 18th., Otery St. Mary, at 1 pm on Friday December 18th. Patnin Bowers only but domailons if desired to The Othery St. Mary Hospital Building Fund or The Southwell 2000 Appesi Fund (Jo F.J. Lunion & Sont, Funeral Directors, 21 The Hill, Othery St. Mary, Devoop, EX11 18E. Memorial service at Southwell Minster later.

JOSCELYME — On 11th December 1992 quietly at his home. Richard Andrew Jescelyme M.C., aged 85 years. Second son of the late Dr and Mrs F.P. Joscelyme. Beloved husband of Jean. Balber of Sarah and Andrew-Pather to-law of Anthony and grandinther of Catherine. James. Robert and David Bishess. Private crematics. In Tenahon followed by memorial service at Winatora Parish Church. Sometet, at 2.30 years on Thursday 17th December 1992. Dunations if desired to The Fairic Fund of Winaford Parish Church Minchesd, Somersci.

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MARTIN - On 12th December 1992, peacefully, after a deart least of Richester Regionald Martin aged 89 years. Beloved husband of Unit's for 61 years, ather of David and Caristopher and much loved grandfather; and grati-grandfather. Funeral Service at Chickester Cremstortum on Thursday 17th December at 3.30 ym. Fundly flowers only to the Chickester Fund Funeral Service at Chickester Fund Funeral Service at Schnouth Health Heart Foundation of W.A. Therefore, 18 Caugh Road. Funeral Service, 246 Chickester Stoad, Bogoor Regis, int (2042) 866630.

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GPPÉ - Dettys Lymnal Tollemache, aged 79, peacefully at home on December 12th. Beloved husband of Jeen, dearest father of Lucy. John. Charlotte and Mary and grandfather of Thogsas. Private funeral at The Church of St. Nicholas. Newphatm Green. Family flowers only. Donations. If desired, to St. Michael's Hospice, Alderinaston Road, Basingstoke RC24 SNB. A Service of Thanksgiving will be amounced in the New Year.

PALINER On December 11th. peacefully, Leslie Robert. C.B.E., helowed hushand of Mary, father of Michael. Margaret and Robert and a loving grandfather. Pinneral Service at The United Reformed Church, Argyle Street, Balt. on Friday December 18th at 2 pm. Family flowers only, donations on behalf of Christian Add c/o E. Hooper 5. Sub. 15 St. James Parade. Buth.

STRANG STEEL On December 13th, in hospital. Sir William (Wilsow) Strang Steel of Philiphaugh, Much loved father and grandfather. Funeral private. Family and Estate only.

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IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE PRAMETON - Doris Gwennie. December 18th 1985. In loving memory of our mother and wife to Harold, Jeffrey and Puni.

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NOTICE IS ALSO CEVEN. that creditors of the consumy to the Liquidator at the above address by Thursday. Sist Decumber 1992 which is the limit day for proving Claims. The Liquidator at the above address by Thursday, Sist Decumber 1992 which is the limit day for proving Claims. The Liquidator at the above address by Thursday, Sist Decumber 1992 which is the limit day for proving Claims. The Liquidator and large confidention to create the state of the date mentioned will be exciteded from the benefit of such distribution. The comment is able to pay all in hower creations in fall, Dated the 20th day of November 1992.

NJ Hamilton-Spitti: Liquidator.

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**OBITUARIES** 

Dr Ali Amini, liberal politician and former prime minister of lran, died in Paris on December 12. his 87th birthday. He was born in Tehran in 1905.

DR ALI Amini participated in Iranian politics for over six decades and, even when he was not occupying high office, influenced the course of events from behind the scenes. It has been argued that if the Shah, at the heighth of his power, had taken Amini's advice and liberalised government the Islamic revolution of 1979 might have been

averted. Ali Amini was born into the landed aristocracy of Iran at the highest level. His mother, the princess Fakhroddowleh, was a daughter of the reigning monarch, Mozaffareddin Shah, who had given the country its first parliamentary constitution; his father was Aminoddolwieh II, the son of the chancellor (prime minister)
Aminoddowleh I. Upon falling out of
favour with the Shah, the latter placed
a curse upon those of his descendants who entered politics. Whereas his son heeded the curse, his grandson, Ali,

found the ancient lure irresistible. After his primary and secondary education in Tehran, Amini was sent to Grenoble and Paris, where he studied economics and law. When he returned, Iran was being ruled by a new dynasty, the Pahlavi, under Reza Shah, who had abolished all aristocratic titles but did not persecute the

remnants of the previous palace. Amini entered the ministry of justice and spent a number of years as a judge before transferring to the ministry of customs, of which he became head in 1939. Three years later, after Britain and Russia had occupied Iran to overthrow Reza Shah for his pro-German leanings, and to use the country as a bridge to supply the Soviet army, Amini joined the office of his uncle, Qavam-o-Saltaneh, the veteran

prime minister. In 1948. Amini was elected a member of the Majlis (parliament) for Tehran and entered the cabinet two years later in charge of the economy.
This was the period building up to the nationalisation of the Anglo-franian
Oil Company in 1951 under the premiership of his cousin Mohammad DR ALI AMINI



Musaddiq. Although he retained his post under the new prime minister, the two men's differences over policy soon led to his spending two years out of

In 1953, after a military coup, organised chiefly by the United States, had overthrown Musaddiq and returned political power to the royal court, Amini returned to the economy ministry and accepted the unpopular task of negotiating a deal with a consortium of American and British oil companies.

In 1956 he was sent to Washington as ambassador, but was recalled abruptly two years later, apparently because he had criticised the Shah for the way he was spending the country's newly-enhanced revenues from the sale of oil. Amini was also thought to have

angered the Shah for advocating

observance of the constitution to allow

freedom of organisation to the moder-

ate opposition.

By 1961, however, when a Democratic administration under President Kennedy ruled in Washington, Amini's liberalism and his belief in the need for economic and social reform made him, in the Shah's eyes, an attractive choice as prime minister. Amini now persuaded the Shah to disband the Majlis, whose election was widely thought to have been rigged and which was an obstacle to his projected reforms, particularly the break-up of large agricultural estates to distribute them among farmers. He also ordered the arrest of a number of army generals and police chiefs for corruption and began investigating the

of reducing military possibility spending.

Amim now ruled through cabinet decree ratified by the Shah. Although many of his policies, particularly land reform, were popular, the newly emancipated opposition clamoured for immediate new elections. This Amini was not prepared to grant, as he believed that a combination of the army, the clergy and the landowners would present him with another conservative Majlis opposed to reform.

Amid turmoil on the streets, Amini found that the Shah was also turning against him by blocking many of his programmes. The Americans exacer-bated the situation by cutting off aid to Iran. In July 1962, Amini submitted his resignation to a relieved Shah, who immediately took steps towards turning the country into an absolute monarchy with the veneer of a partia-

mentary constitution.

Amini never regained public office. but remained politically active. Particularly in the late 1970s, when the power of the Shah was visibly crumbling in the build-up to the Islamic revolution. Amini became influential as a link between the court and the National Front, the coalition of Musaddiqite political parties which the Shah was now wooing. His efforts were too late.

After the revolution, Amini went into self-imposed exile in Paris and formed the National Salvation Front of Iran, one of the two gatherings of moderate monarchists abroad, the other being led by the late Dr Shahpour Bakhtiar, the former deputy-leader of the Nat-ional Front and the Shah's last prime minister. The two movements later came together around a set of principles but they were cut off from Iran.

Dr Amini was unusually accessible to visitors and took little precaution to protect himself, even at the time when Iranian-inspired terrorists were highly active in Paris. He possessed great energy and wit, and he once gave new expression to the medieval political maxim by saying: "We the rich have to be more patriotic than the man in the street. We have a patrimony to defend!" His death was preceded earlier this year by that of his wife, Batool, a daughter of another prime minister.

daughter of another prime minister. Vosooq-o-Saltaneh. They are survived by their son, Iraj.

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## RALPH IZZARD

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book, An Innocent On Everest,

became a best-seller. But his

love in later years was the Arab

world, where he lived for a

time in Bahrain and in the

Lebanon. It was in his house in the hills above Beirut that in

the final years of his career he

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Ralph Izzard, foreign correspondent, died on December 2 aged 82. He was born on August 27. 1910.

RALPH izzard was the sort of journalist novelists invent but in Izzard's case they had no need. They merely changed the name. He appeared, thinly disguised, in at least three novels while he also maintained, though not altogether convincingly, that his own father, Percy Izzard, had inspired Evelyn Waugh to pro-duce one of his most memorable characters, Boot of the Brute.

izzard was a one-paper man. After The Leys School and Queen's College. Cam-bridge, he followed his father on to the Daily Mail, where he remained for more than half a century. He was one of its stars during the golden age of toreign correspondents. With men like Rene McColl. Noel Barber, Willie Forrest and Sefton Delmer he hopped boats, chartered aircraft and besieged cable offices to send the news back to Fleet Street in the years before television

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started to beat the traditional foreign correspondent for speed, and most of the Fleet Street papers dispersed to Docklands and Kensington.

He was Berlin bureau chief for the Mail at an early age and during the war served in Naval Intelligence. Afterwards he operated in most of the world's frompie sp Korea to Algeria. One of his famous exploits was to gatecrash Lord Hunt's successful Everest expedition in 1953, reaching its base camp at 18,000ft wearing gym

and advice to scores of practitioners of his trade. He was a keen amateur naturalist, an interest which inspired some of the too few autobiographical books which shoes instead of the more he wrote. After all the years

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abroad when he rarely visited the Daily Mail headquarters in London, he came home to live in Tunbridge Wells, like so many of the Middle East ecomitries whom he resembled in everything but his basic professionalism. Despite a long period of ill health, he continued to entertain and long after his last by line appeared in the Daily Mail.

He was married twice. He is survived by his wife, Molly Crutchleigh-Fitzpatrick, and by three sons and three daughters.

## **CORNELIUS VANDERBILT** WHITNEY

Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney, founder of Pan American Airways. shilanthropist, financier, and horse racing busiast, died of natural

causes at his home in Saratoga Springs, New York on December 13, iged 93. He was born in Rostyn, Long Island, on February 20, 1899.

CORNELIUS Whitney may have been born with a silver spoon in his mouth — in his case the metal was probably gold — but it served as no impediment to a life of considerable achievement. And yet, for all his wealth and social standing, and his colossal diversity of interests, he re-mained largely unknown to the outside world.

In the public mind he was often confused with his younger cousin, John Hay (Jock) Whitney, who was publisher of the New York Herald Titute and embanded to the bune and ambassador to the Court of St James.

many careers. The New Yorker magazine said of him: "Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney is living proof that a man can inherit \$20 million, bear two of the most socially and financially prominent names in the country, become chairman of the board of two of America's giant business enterprises, run for Congress, own a racing stable, build and operate a large commercial aquarium. and at the same time preserve a personality so self-effacing that the public does not know

Whitney, known to his friends as Sonny, was fabulously well-connected from the

His mother, Gertrude Vanderbilt, was the daughter of Cornelius Vanderbilt II, one of the legendary railroad bar-ons of the late 19th century. And his great-uncle, Oliver C. Payne, was treasurer of the Standard Oil Company.

of his parents, who were often away on long trips abroad. He was packed off to the exclusive Groton School at the age of 12, but refused to go straight

Instead, Whitney volunteered for pilot training in the aviation section of the US Army, was commissioned the following year, and became a

With the end of the first world war he left the Army and enrolled at Yale, where his achievements were less academic than sporting. He rowed for the university's crew, was captain of the squash team and gained something of a reputation as a

in 1941, at the peak of his

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day of his birth. His paternal grandfather, William C. Whitney, had made several fortunes in oil, tobacco and New York City streetcars, and had served as Secretary of the Navy under President Grover Cleveland.

As a boy Whitney saw little

to college when he graduated in 1917.

flying instructor at Carruthers Field in Texas.

playboy before graduating in

1922. Backed by his family's enormous wealth, Whitney promptly embarked on a variety of business enterprises. Together with Juan Trippe, a friend from his days at Yale, he founded Pan American Airways in 1927 and served as chairman of the board during the airline's enormous expansion between 1931 and 1941, when it became a symbol of America's technological

His other ventures included the acquisition of the Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Company in 1931 (he re-mained its chairman until 1964) and the opening of the Marine Studios in St Augustine, Florida, which later became the underwater attraction of Marineland. An unsuccessful run for Congress as a Democrat in 1932 apparently slaked Whitney's appe-

tite for politics.

He bought his father's 1,000-acre horse farm and racing stable in Kentucky. breeding a string of successful racehorses that were to enter the winner's circle at tracks around the world over the next half century and gain him most of the sport's highest honours.

He also went into moviemaking, joining with David O. Selznick to finance and produce such Hollywood epics as Gone With the Wind, A Star is Born and Rebecca. With the entry of America

into the second world war in 1941. Whitney promptly re-turned to active duty in the Air Corps. He served as a staff officer in the Pacific, India and the Middle East, rising to the rank of colonel and receiving the Legion of Ment and Distinguished Service Medal, among other

In 1947 he joined the Truman administration as first assistant secretary of the United States Air Force, and two years later was named under secretary of commerce. He also served as a presidential envoy to Britain, Italy, Spain and Luxembourg in

In his personal life, Whitney was somewhat less fortunate. He was married four times in all: to Marie Norton from 1923 to 1929; to Gladys Hopkins from 1931 to 1941; to Eleanor Searle from 1941 to 1958; and since then to the former actress Marylou Hosford.

With his last marriage, Whitney became established as a leader of high society. philanthropist to a myriad of causes, and a patron of the arts. His beneficiaries included the Whitney Museum of American Art, which was founded by his mother, and the financially-troubled 1980 Winter Olympics at Lake Placid, New York

Cornelius Whitney is survived by his wife, by three of his five children, and by four step-children.

#### **Peter Blume**

PETER Blume, a Russianborn American painter and sculptor, died in Connecticut on November 30 aged 86. He was born Piotr Sorek-Sabel in 1906 in Smorgon in western

Having arrived in the Unithe age of five and studied painting at the Art Students League in New York, Blume first attracted attention in 1934, when his painting "South of Scranton" won first prize at the Carnegie Interna-

tional Exhibition in Pitts-

He became famed for his anti-fascist works, one of the best-known of which is "The Eternal City," a 1937 painting that depicted Benito Mussolini, the Italian fascist leader, as a ghoulish jack-in-the box.

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Leonardo's famous painting Mona Lisa, or La Gioconda, was stolen from the Louvre in Paris in 1911. The thief turned out to be a whitewasher who said that, while working briefly in the Louvre, he had decided that the masterpiece should not be in Paris but Italy.

Italy, Geri being unable to go to Paris.
"Leonard "answered at once fixing Milan as the place of meeting, but before the date fixed telegraphed to Geri that he was already at Milan and would come straight to Florence, bringing the picture with him. Two days later Geri, accompanied by Signor Poggi, kept an appointment with "Leonard" at the Albergo Tripoli. Taking them to his room be empited a rough wooden box of shabby clothes and boots, unfastened a false bottom, and lifted out the picture. It was unmistakably "Monna Lisa." Leonard professes to be surprised and hurt

at the way in which he is being treated. Possibly the injured astonishment is really genuine, for the man is described as appearing curiously simple and ignorant. His story, if true, is certainly simplicity itself. His real name, he admitted at once, is Vincenzo Perugia, 32 years of age, a native of Dumenza, in the province of Como. By trade a painter and whitewasher, he had found employment in Paris, chiefly day work, for some years past. Once, some four years ago, he was employed for a short time in the Louvre, and, according to his account, his heart filled with bitterness and rage when he can the massengiage of which leave the leave saw the masterpieces of which Italy had been despoiled. His job terminated, he left the Louvre, but with the idea fixed in his mind that he would restore at least one masterpiece to his country, and that one " La Gioconda "

One day he determined to put the plan into execution. He presented himself, as he had been used to do with the other workmen, in the early morning. Wearing the same blouse as they did he attracted no attention. He walked straight to the room of "La Gioconda." The room was empty, he took down the picture, carried it to the side staircase, where he forced the picture out of the frame, and carried out the picture hidden under his blouse.

## THE TIMES TODAY

## Major to meet Bush on Bosnia

■ John Major is to fly to America this weekend for a special summit with President Bush on what the West can do to halt the bloodshed in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The private talks will come at the end of a week of intense international diplomatic activity as pressure mounts for a tougher Western stance against the Serbs.

Mr Major yesterday reviewed the options with his cabinet 

#### IRA suspected of top-level phone taps

■ The IRA may have eavesdropped on private conversations between John Major and John Hume, Social Democratic and Labour party leader and an important political figure in Northern Ireland, it emerged yesterday. The RUC confirmed that it is investigating telephone taps ....

#### Arson attack

Thirty years of research by one of Britain's leading experts on tree diseases was destroyed in an arson attack on a Forestry Commission station in Hampshire which could be the work of animal liberation activists ... Page 4

#### Tough talk

The Bush administration is advocating tougher action, including limited military intervention, to curb Serb aggression in Bosnia and prevent the conflict spreading.. ... Page 11

#### Swamp showdown

A British businessman whose body was found buried in a Florida swamp nearly two years after he disappeared was the victim of a \$1 million fraud, police in Miami said. They say Howard Bates, 43, a computer expert from Hawkhurst, Kent, was lured to swampland near a factory site and shot after a showdown with his American business pariner...... Page 3

#### Gifted pupils

State comprehensive schools will be allowed to select up to 10 per cent of their pupils from among those particularly talented in art. music or sport, ministers announced yesterday...... Page 2

#### Bosnian gloom

Despite mounting international pressure, British ministers remain wary of any larger military commitment in the former Yugoslavia. John Major has become increasingly pessimistic about the dangers of the Bosnian conflict spreading ......Page 11

#### Somalia Ilmit

The commander of the US operation in Somalia, Marine Lt-Gen Robert Johnston, insists the aims of the force are strictly "humanitarian". Soldiers will do no more than what is necessary to protect themselves and food

#### Debt cycle

People with low incomes are increasingly turning to credit to help them to make ends meet in the recession but this is leading to a vicious cycle of debt, according to a report that is published

#### Eye opener

Laser treatment for correcting severe short sight has been launched by a London clinic. The operation, performed under general anaesthetic, involves removing a thin disc of material from the cornea, reshaping it with a laser and then replacing it in the patient's eye ...... Page 4

#### Legal offensive

The file on a young woman whose baby died after her uterus was ruptured in childbirth and whose reproductive organs had to be removed is among tragic cases sent to the Law Society as it fights the government's plans to cut back the spending on legal

#### Halfway on the road to South Pole

Sir Ranulph Fiennes is almost halfway to the South Pole and is making good progress in his attempt to make the first unaided crossing of Antarctica. After 35 days of the expedition, Sir Ranulph, 48, and his companion, Dr Michael Page 5 mile trek with only the odd blister ..



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Life study: French artist Orlan at a Sydney memorial to her ten plastic operations aimed at giving her features from famous paintings

Air attack: The European Commission has reopened enquiries into the British Airways takeover of Dan-Air after a request by Belgium to investigate the deal on its behalf. Page 19

Post freeze: The Post Office pledged to freeze letter rates for as long as possible after doubling profits in the latest half year of trading.... \_\_ Page 19

Markets: The pound rose slightly yesterday by 0.1 measured on the trade-weighted index to 80.3, reflecting a rise from \$1.5600 to \$1.5655 and from DM2.4586 to DM2.4597. . Page 22 

Motor racing: Williams, the world champion team, have brought weeks of speculation to an end by bringing Damon Hill into their line-up next year in place of Nigel Mansell. Hill is the son of a former world champion, Graham .. Page 32, 36

Boxing: Riddick Bowe consigned his World Boxing Council heavyweight title to the dustbin at a press conference in London. The chances of Bowe meeting the British challenger, Lennox Lewis, in the nearfuture have receded still ... Page 34

Rugby union: England gave an indication of future selection when they announced a 30-strong squad for training in Lanzarote next month. They did not include Neil physique, at 5ft 10in, counts . Page 32 against him..

Cashing in: Those attired in three-Mock ye not: The essentially Britpiece suits negotiate, those in anoish architecture of semi-detached raks haggle. Whatever the mock-Tudor suburbia is finding euphemism, serious shoppers are champions after decades of bargaining their way out of the recession. Heather Kirby In London and Kate Muir in New

haggling. Kramer vs Kramer: The best playwrights enjoy exposing their souls under the stage lights, but Larry Kramer, who is also the foremost Aids activist in the United States, might as well have handed the

audience a teaspoon and said to

them: "Scoop out the contents of

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York report on the best and worst

prospects for Christmas

Oh yes it is: Jeremy Kingston finds that pantomime is alive and well in London for Christmas, although sometimes it appears in an unfa-.... Page 26 miliar form.... Lionised in Venice: The British

conductor John Fisher, who is fresh from directing at La Fenice (and was previously head of music staff at La Scala, Milan), is to make his Royal Opera debut with Handel's Alcina at Covent Garden on . Page 27 Easy does it: Crash diets encourage faddy eating and a cycle of starvation and bingeing; new research suggests "weight cycling" is linked with increased risk of coronary heart disease ............ Page 12

Life's work: What is lost to the redundant executive is not only income and the trappings of office, but a sense of identity and wellbeing linked to work. It can feel like the death of self..... ..... Page 12

Clued up; Anyone - even a criminal — can be a private eye. Robert Verkaik reports on the grey area in the black and white world of the Page 31 solicitor.

Viktor Chernomyrdin, an opponent of shocktherapy reform in Russia, has become prime minister in a nightmare scenario for President Yeltsin

Singing kings: Taking advantage of the season, an Omnibus feature looks at a British musical institution, the King's College Choir (BBC1, 10.15pm)

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#### ADPINION ... **SLOW AWAKENING**

The Russians, who again yesterday spoke against anti-Serbian sanctions, have to be persuaded that the deployment of war planes has not displaced the search for a negotiared political settlement in former Yugoslavia. Indeed, the Geneva Conference will provide the West with useful opportunities to persuade Russia and other anti-interventionist states to engage more actively in what may the most complex diplomatic puzzle of the 

#### WITHOUT APOLOGY

A newspaper that opposes a government can on occasions try to destroy it. Those occasions will be rare. But they should be there. And there should be no politically appointed panel, however representative or sincere, to hinder or abet that duty ..... Page 15

#### THE VENUENCE OF SE WOODROW WYATT

John Major's success at Edinburgh after months of attacks from all quarters (often I was almost alone supporting him in the press) has suddenly quelied doubts of his leadership quality in his party and in the country's eyes ...... Page 14

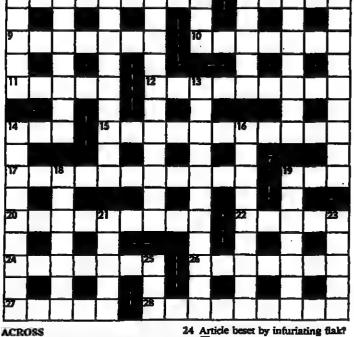
#### CONOR CRUISE O'BRIEN

At a political level, the American intervention [in Somalia] is a cynical pseudo-humanitarian publicity exercise, though it is designed to appeal to the genuinely humanitarian instincts of millions of Americans. The political objective of the exercise could be readily divined from its timing. Troops were available for deployment in Mogadishu the weekend before last, but stayed aboard the ships. The reason was explained by a television producer in Mogadishu: "At the weekend. American television news bulletins are not long".....

#### HEPAPERS

Since the Marines were greeted with dancing in the streets, they are unlikely to meet serious resistance in their disarmament mission. In contrast, during the recent Los Angeles riots, the forces of law and order were not universally respected and fire trucks were stoned. Ironically, it may be easier to dis arm Somalia than America's inner cities - USA Today

#### THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,102



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- mostly marine life (3-6). bush (5).

  9 It's said Irish linen producer I'd
- seen is a bit soft! (7). 10 One's broken sort of grip on ore
- production (3-4).

  11 Oddly, all you hear is a greeting from the Isles (5).
- 12 Broadcast on air about healthy type of literature? (9).
- 14 Exploratory ship leaves river for some days (3). 15 He may check the key man on
- international board (11). 17 William's pal wants cash for cake (11).
- 19 Mentioned an amount particular amount (3). 20 Result of over-indulgence in spirits? (4.5).
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Old president has to veto a Far

Eastern arrangement (7).

27 Two unknown factors surround fate of European currency (5). 28 Looking back, no prison lacks a first-class turnover! (9).

1 One splits the second of two notes

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3 Spoilt, for the audience, the view of the figure? (9). 4 Kind of compound humour's origin — variously broad and corny (11).

5 Fancied horse makes a pile (3). Degenerate roue abandons re-ligious conversion — it's some-

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8 Study a French instrument presenting a problem (9). 13 Finally competed in more open climbs against the clock? (11).

with some frequency (9). 16 Stars appear — male — for an introduction to dame in pantomime (9).

14 Little woman with a pain's heard

18 Diminutive islander shows courage in new surroundings (7).
19 Find the woman, and blow the

21 Half the month's very cold and

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PowerGen has signed a deal with Eastern Electricity to provide coal-fired power worth £100 million a year

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Britain and Germany, Volkswagen put

DRINK DEAL



Britain's licensing laws are overdue for reform to allow sale of alcoholic drinks all day, Patrick Stevens says

## Belgium forces EC enquiry on Dan-Air deal

BY TOM WALKER AND COLIN NARBROUGH

BELGIUM has accused Sir Leon Brittan, European competition commissioner, of unfair bias" towards British Airways and invoked a hitherto unused Community rule to force an enquiry into BA's takeover of Dan-Air, Britain's oldest in-

dependent airline.

The controversial takeover, approved by London and Brussels this autumn, will now be investigated by the European Commission for the impact the merger has on airline competition in Belgium.

In the unexpected move, Belgium, which has no national watchdog able to investigate the acquisition, invoked article 22 of the Community competition rules that obliges the commission to study a merger on a member state's behalf. The commission has a month to give a verdict. The Dan-Air takeover gave

BA an additional four return flights from Gatwick to Brussels. BA already has seven flights a day to Brussels from Heathrow. British Midland has eight flights to Brussels out of Heathrow, Brymon four from London City airport and Air UK three from Stansted. The acquisition of the lossmaking Dan-Air, for a nominal El, provoked a storm of protest from BA's rivals at

British Airways uniforms and the Dan-Air signs have disappeared at Gatwick. But the European Commission is to reinvestigate

Dan-Air staff are already wearing

takeover, seeing it as a BA advance into Belgium, where Air France had just struck an alliance with Sabena, the Belgian national carrier.

M Attali was further incensed over the commission's approval of BA's controlling stake in TAT, the French regional airline, which gives BA important access to the French market. Virgin Atlantic, British Midland, Air UK and Britannia all complained to the commission about the Den-Air sale. BA insisted yesterday's an-

nouncement was "not a reversal" of the go-ahead the commission gave six weeks ago, but a separate and nar-rowly defined investigation. Derek Ross, a BA spokesman, said the Belgian move was "totally unjustified", as there was plenty of competition on the London-Brussels route and plenty of room to expand on it. He said the takeover was a "done deal" with the merger

process already in train. Dan-Air signs have already disappeared from Gatwick, 450 former Dan-Air staff have donned BA uniforms, and the sale of Dan-Air's ten Boeing 737s has begun. Some 1,800 home and abroad. Bernard Attali, the Air France presi-Dan-Air prior to the takeover. dent, campaigned with particular ferocity against the

holding company which owned Dan-Air, last week held an extrordinary meeting to wind itself up. All the money involved in the deal, under which BA took on £35 million of liabilities, has already changed hands.

Industry experts in Brussels auspect that M Attali may have encouraged the Belgians to act, as France was unable to invoke the special clause used by Belgium. The article is reserved for countries that have no proper competition

A senior source in the Belgian civil aviation authority said he was "astounded" that BA's takeover of Dan-Air had been cleared without an enquiry by Brussels, while Air France's purchase of a 37.58 per cent of Sabena had been meticulously examined by Sir Leon just weeks before.

Sir Leon's spokesman de nied his superior was biased against Sabena and Air France and said the Belgian complaint would have to be justified before Haussels took it

Other commission officials predicted that the enquiry would be little more than a staff were made redundant by formality. Undoing the takeover would be next to impossi-Davies & Newman, the ble, they said.

Season of gloom: Porth Group, Britain's biggest producer of Christmas decorations, is cutting its core workforce from 200 to 130 people and is moving operations under one roof at Treorchy in the Rhondda Valley in South Wales to save £400,000 a year. This will not prevent losses this year, but they should be less than the £1.3 million lost in 1991. John Miller replaces Neil Bell as chief executive

### Roche buys **Fisons** health

business By OUR CITY STAFF

FISONS is selling its British consumer healthcare business. which includes the Sanatogen and Radian brand names, to Roche, the Swiss pharmaceutical group, for £90 million.

Added to the sale of the American consumer health-

care business for £93 million last month, the disposal will make a substantial hole in the company's borrowings of £239 million. Fisons has still to dispose of its Australian, South African

and French consumer healthcare operations and its horti-cultural division. Announce-ments on these disposals are expected early in the new year. At the end of June, the company's debts of £239 million amounted to 53 per cent of shareholders' funds.

Production will continue at the Fisons plant at Loughborough for the next year and will then transfer to the Roche vitamin plant in Scotland. with the net loss of 160 jobs. Analysts said that Fisons had got a good price for the healthcare business, and the

shares went up 2p to 212p. Fisons is making the disposals to concentrate on its pharmaceutical and scientific instrument businesses. The latter has struggled in the recession and the former has suffered from complaints by the American Food and Drug Administration over drug production. Costs of bringing production of Opticrom, an eye cintment, up to FDA standards were partly responsible for the plunge in pre-tax profits from £95.2 million to £40.4 million in the six months to end-June. Opticrom was withdrawn from

## Banks to take stakes in Anglo

the company, but that could

fall to 36 per cent. The losses

are the result of continuing

recession and customers hold-

ing higher stocks after the

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THE & LASS DIFFERENCE

Talks to sell two of its

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

MIDLAND and Bardays banks are to become shareholders in Anglo United, the smokeless fuels group, as part of a restructuring of its £250 million debts.

The move follows Anglo's £22.7 million drop into the red for the six months to end-September from £3 million losses in the first half of 1991. This is the second restructuring of its finances this year and sent the shares down 1.5p to 6p. David McErlain, chairman,

said Anglo was close to signing arrangements with its banks, led by Midland and Hongkong and Shanghai, which would convert £70 million of its debt into equity and convertible loan notes, defer

interest payments on another £50 million and reschedule most £50 million, collapsed just before contracts were comthe remaining £130 million. pleted. That forced Anglo to The banks will provide ad-ditional facilities of about £15 renegotiate its debt payment schedule in July. The halfway figures show

million for working capital. Midland and Hongkong and Shanghai are the lead banks turnover down from £269 million to £244 million. The with 65 per cent between them. Barclays provided 10 pre-tax loss of £22.7 million was reached after exceptional charges of £11.2 million. per cept of the loans. Existing shareholders will have just over 50 per cent of

The exceptionals are made up of £7 million professional costs of the earlier restructuring agrement and the estimated costs of current proposals; £2 million costs of the aborted disposals: £1.4 million writeoff of loans made to the **Employee Share Ownership** Plan Trust; and exceptional bad debts of £800,000.

## Post Office to freeze letter prices as long as possible

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

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RETAILE RPI: 139.7 November (1967=100) SIR Bryan Nicholson, Post Office chairman, pledged to freeze letter prices "for as long as possible" after revealing more than doubled profits of £135 million in the first half of

Because of the strong financial performance, letter prices, which have not risen since September 1991, would remain unchanged until at least next April, he said. All but £4 million of the profit was made by Royal Mail, which has trimmed £70 million off its costs in a reorganisation. The parcels business continued to lose money, and Post Office Counters made £12 million.

"Prices will continue to be held for as long as possible in the new financial year." Sir Bryan said. His pledge was made against a background of continuing improvements in delivery reliability. The proportion of first-class letters delivered the day after posting reached 91.5 per cent during the first six months, exceeding the target agreed with the Post Office Users' National Council, the customers' watchdog.

The number of letters posted has risen by i per cent since March. Of the 61 million items handled each day, almost nine out of ten are business letters or direct mail

Tom Corrigan, chairman of the Post Office Users' National Council, attacked the size of the profit increase. "I think this demonstrates that stamp prices should not have gone up in the autumn of 1991," he

The uphill struggle of Michael Heseltine, the trade secretary, to privatise the Post Office parcels business re-ceived a modest lift yesterday as evidence mounted that the



Nicholson: bowing out

business is returning towards profitability. The £21 million loss before tax in the Parceiforce business during the half to September 27. diminished an outstanding performance at the Post Office

However, Parcelforce made a 63 million trading profit in October, and managers now believe it is on track to break even for the year as a whole. During the year to March, the parcels operation lost £24

The Post Office's improvement was unveiled by Sir Bryan just seven days before he returns to the private sector. after a five-year stint during which the Post Office has been thoroughly reformed.

Sir Bryan, a former head of Rank Xerox, will become chairman of Varity Corporation in Britain. He already heads the British United Prov-ident Association (Bupa), the healthcare group.

His successor, Michael Heron, of Unilever, will face the difficult task of liaising with ministers over the future of the Post Office, which is under a wide-ranging review by the industry department.

## HE NEWS FROM CONTINENTAL INTERESTING IT WILL SEND YOU TO SLEEP.

## Festive share-out on Wall Street

FROM PHILLIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

WALL Street has stepped up the scram-ble to beat the tax plans of President-elect Bill Clinton. Bear Stearns, the New York investment bank and among the industry's biggest payers, plans to issue \$173.8 million worth of shares to 130 senior staff before year end to limit the impact of tax reforms on high earners. The shares are part of a deferred pay plan

that goes back over two years. Salomon Brothers plans a similar share bonus, but has declined to provide details. Such moves form part of what is shaping up as a pay bonanza on Wall Street. Nine of the top investment banks have begun some form of plan to beat the

Mr Clinton's reforms will limit the tax allowance available to corporations on executive pay, and the top rates of federal

tax will climb from 31 per cent to 36 per in a record \$253 million worth of cent for individuals earning more than \$150,000. Current rules allow firms to Michael Eisner, Walt Disney chairman claim all pay against profits. Mr Clinton's plan will limit that allowance to \$1 million per executive. The Securities Industry Association estimates that tens of thousands of brokers earn more than \$200,000 a year and several thousand are paid more than \$1 million.

Bonuses of stockbrokers and investment bankers can often make up twothirds to three-quarters of their annual salary and are usually taken between December and January to split the tax payments over two years. Bear Steams says its accelerated payments are in the interests of its own shareholders. By paying out share options this year, they estimate the firm will save \$160 million

in tax allowances. Industry is rapidly catching up. The top two executives at Walt Disney cashed personal share options this month. Michael Eisner, Walt Disney chairman and chief executive, converted options worth \$197 million, while Frank Wells, Disney's president, converted options valued at \$56 million.

Wall Street bonuses are expected to rise by between 20 per cent and 25 per cent this year, lifting the average Wall Street salary by 34 per cent over two years to \$110,000.

The scramble comes amid fresh attempts by investment banks to clamp golden handcuffs to keep their high earners from jumping ship. The leading American firms are attempting to derail the traditional high stakes poaching that takes place over the next two months once bonuses have been paid and firms embark on a human auction to attract successful brokers and their high fee-



## Tiphook responds to City doubts

to sell on 5.7 times' this year's carnings and yield 9 per cent prospective speaks volumes about the market's perception of that company and its management. What the market is saying about Robert Montague's Tiphook is that it does not trust either much further than it can throw one of the group's articulated

Caution is understandable. Tiphook has been savaged by the bear raiders, whose activities have been helped by debate over the group's accounting policies, and the shares have been as low as 219p this autumn before American buying helped them to recover to 293p yesterday. 9p higher after an 11 per cent rise in the

That the Americans now hold 30 per cent and the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority another 8 per cent only emphasises the extent to which the stock is shunned by the average City fund manager. Tiphook has responded to the doubts with an admirably full and clear set of interim figures that emphasises how

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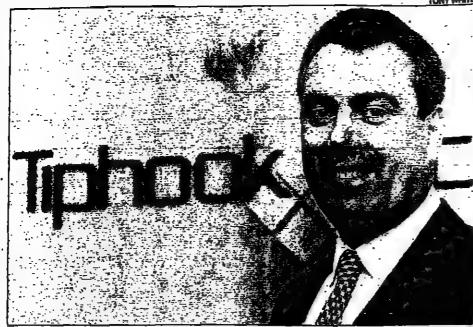
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Driving force: Robert Montague, who has cut off Tiphook's spending programme

the once heavy spending pro-gramme has been cut off, a little late perhaps, in response to falling trailer and container utilisation rates because of the recession. Currency factors have pushed gearing ahead by 20 percentage

points to 300 per cent, although interest costs remain well covered. Lower capital spending will trim borrowings in due course, and if the company succeeds in putting this message over to the City the shares will recover apace with the American and British economy. For now, they remain a highly speculative

#### Berkeley

SOUND balance sheets are rare in the construction industry these days and Berkeley Group is exploiting its financial strength to the full. It is rapidly outgrowing its traditional description as a ictury housebuilder as it diproperty investment and larg-

its rivals, Berkeley is able to expand unhindered by heavy debts. At the end of October, it had net cash of £2 million. thanks to a strong cash flow and the remaining proceeds from last year's \$44 million rights issue.

small and concentrating on developments, the has continued to exgroup has continued to ex-pand. In the half year to end-October, it sold 468 units, an increase of 39 per cent. That, in turn, boosted profits by 27 per cent to £6.92 million. Berkeley's prospects also look bright. The company's financial stability has enabled

keeping its land bank

## Eastonk Investment, the commercial property investor in which it holds a 25 per cent

If the group continues to run true to form, it should produce a £15 million profit this year, rising to £20 million in 1993-4. The shares at 290p may be trading on a premium ple ratio of 17.5, but should certainly not be sold.

#### Anglo United

DESPITE all the tough talking in the summer by Anglo United's David McErlain, he has been brought down to earth with a bump. His refusal to turn the much-needed disposal of two businesses in the summer into a fire sale has sent him cap in hand to his banks to negotiate the company's second refinanc-

ing this year. In July, when the sale of Anglo's liquid fuels business for £40 million collapsed when the buyer dropped its price to £29 million and the sale of Porament for £8.5 million fell through, he negotiated Anglo's debt repay-ment schedule instead.

Since then, the company effects of the recession and a mild winter at the beginning of this year. Anglo still hopes to sell five non-core businesss, which it optimistically values at between £70 to £100 million. In today's market, there is little hope of finding buyers at an acceptable price.

Any suggestion of an Anglo United bid for any part of a privatised British Coal must surely now be out of the question. This has never been a stock for the cautious inves-

## Japan's trade surplus rises

FROM RELITER

WEAK domestic demand and a high yen boosted Japan's trade surplus in November. Economists believe the upward trend is likely to continue throughout next year.

The surplus in customs cleared trade widened to an madjusted \$7.60 billion, from \$6.41 billion a year earlier, the Ministry of Fi-

nance announced. The value of exports was \$27.28 billion, up by 0.7 per cent from a year ago, due to the years appreciation to an average 122.87 to the dollar for the month, compared with 130.42 a year ago.

Export volumes however fell by 6 per cent from a year earlier. A drop in exports of metal-processing machinery and electronic consumer goods, especially to America and Europe, explained the slow overall export growth, the ministry said.

Exports to America dropped by 0.1 per cent, to \$8.19 billion, and those to the EC fell by 9.9 per cent, to \$4.15

Imports in November fell by 1.3 per cent from a year ago to \$19.69 billion, owing to lower spending by both corporations and consumers. The ministry attributed the decline mainly to lower imports of aircraft, cars and steel.

This trend is likely to continue until late next year," said Juichi Wako, an economist at Nomura Research Institute. He estimated that Japan's trade surplus was likely to total \$110 billion in 1992, and rise to \$120 billion or \$130 billion in 1993.

## BUSINESS ROUNDUP -

## Troubled German steel firm's shares slump

KLOCKNER-WERKE, the German steel company, said that more than 24 of its creditors will be affected by its decision last Friday to seek protection from creditors. Klöckner has proposed to cut its 2.7 billion marks debts by about 60 per cent with the agreement of its creditors.

Shares in Klöckner yesterday resumed trading in Frankfurt, where they fell by 17.50 marks to 41 marks, after they had been suspended before Friday's announcement. Klöckner's troubles have dealt a blow to confidence in Frankfurt's securities markets. A few large creditors are responsible for 90 per cent of the company's debis.

### Tiphook reverses

ROBERT Montague, chairman of Tiphook, has seen what may be the first signs of an improvement in the British economy, in the form of higher pre-Christmas use of his company's trailers to transport goods into the shops and to export markets after the devaluation of the pound. "We hope it's going to be long-lived," he said. Tiphook announced its first pre-tax profits downturn in a decade. Pre-tax profits in the six months to end-October fell by £4 million to £35.2 million although the interior dividend sizes 0 En to 4 On million, although the interim dividend rises 0.5p to 4.9p.

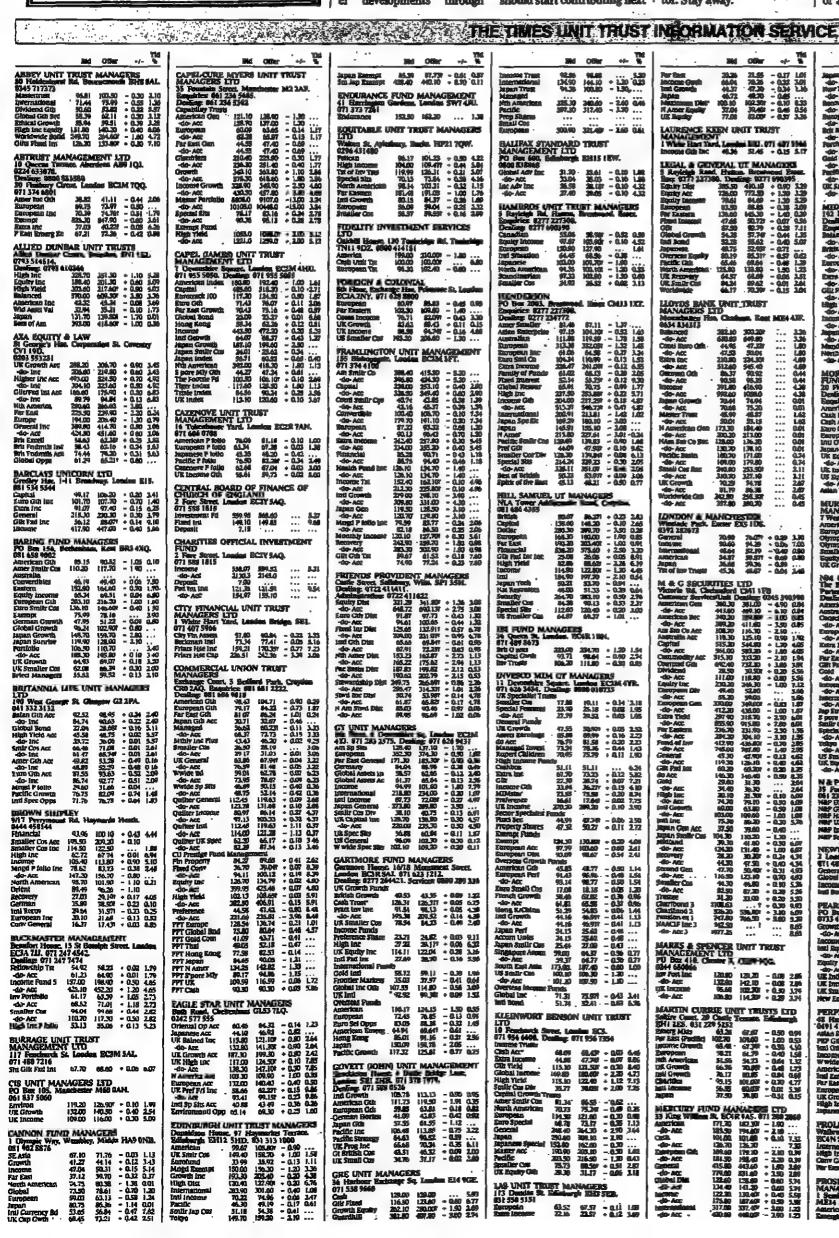
### Liechtenstein for treaty

THE people of Liechtenstein have voted "yes" to the European Economic Area treaty, only a week after their Swiss neighbours rejected it. The treaty is intended to bring the European Community and the seven member states of the European Free Trade Association into a single market. Efta groups Austria, Switzerland and Liechtenstein with Sweden, Norway, Finland and Iceland. The other Efta countries had already decided and will press on without Switzerland in their drive for a market of 380 million consumers, stretching from Norway's North Cape to Gibraltar.

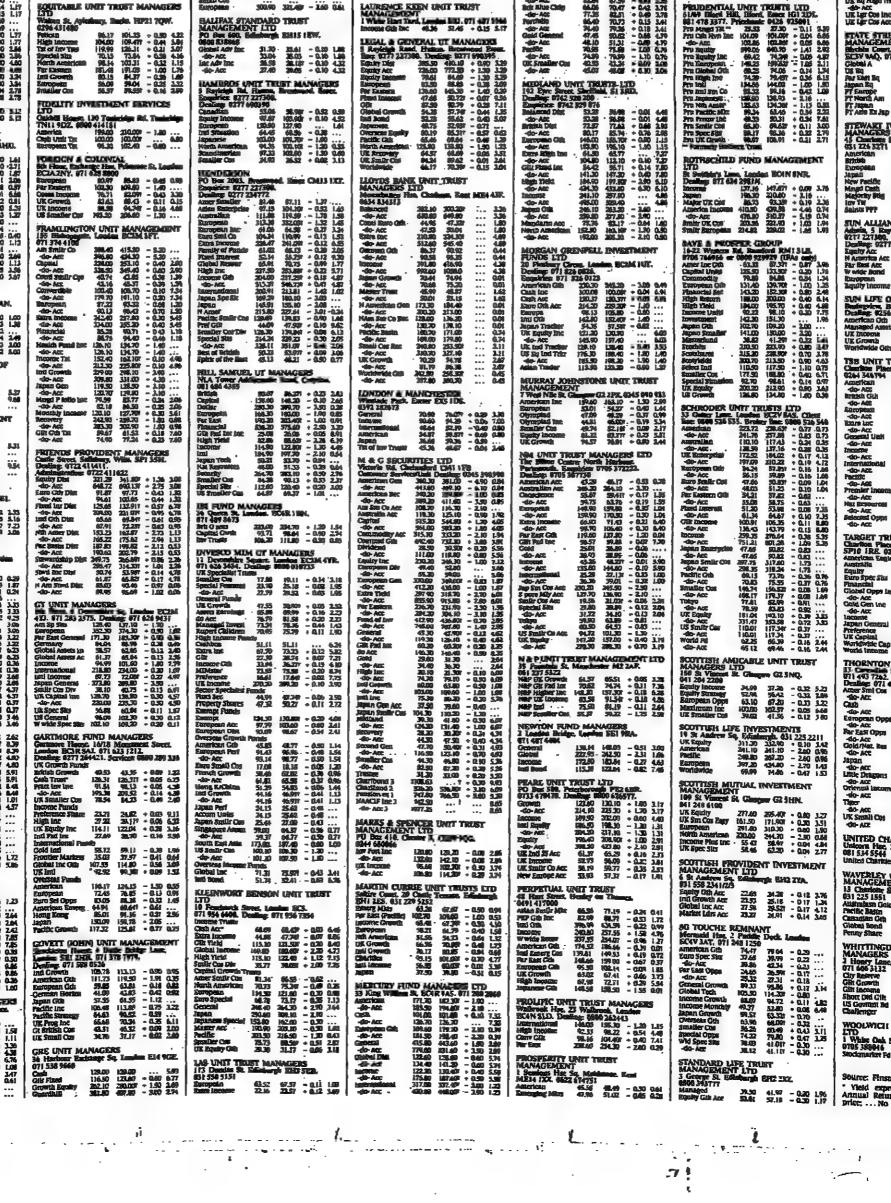
## Polar profits cool down

POLAR, the marketer and distributor of electronic compoments, reported pre-tax profits of £902,000 (£917,000) in the year to October 2. Turnover rose to £17.4 million (£15.4 million) but higher interest charges of £64,000 (£7.000) depressed profits. Earnings were 7.3p (7.4p) a share. An unchanged final dividend of 2.5p a share makes an unchanged total of 4.5p. Polar Electronics has been appointed Yamaha's sole distributor in the UK for sound synthesizer and graphics chips.

#### it to set up a series of joint ventures with land-owners which are now developing more than 1,000 units. These should start contributing next









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## Eastern signs five-year deal for coal power

A deal between Eastern Electricity and PowerGen over coal-fired power points the way to five-year contracts between distributors and generators

By PATRICIA TEHAN

EASTERN Electricity, the biggest of the 12 regional electricity companies in Eng-land and Wales, has signed a five-year deal for coal-fired power, increasing the pressure on the other companies to sign coal contracts with the genera-tors to help to safeguard miners inhe miners' jobs.

Eastern has signed with PowerGen, the smaller of the two generators, for 21 terrawatt hours of electricity, equivalent to more than eight million tonnes of coal. The deal is worth more than £100 million a year.

The contract is for 40 per cent of Eastern's share of the coal-fired power currently under negotiation between the regional companies and the power generators. That deal is for a total 40 million tonnes

## Call to alter electricity regulations

THE head of one of Britain's biggest power companies is calling for a change in utility regulations to allow companies to profit from selling less electricity (Ross Tieman

lan Preston, chief executive of Scottish Power, said Britain should study American initia-tives that allow companies to make more profit from promoting energy efficiency than by building power stations.

"If we can find a way whereby the shareholder and the customer benefit from demand-side management, then we should pursue it." Dr Preston said. "We should start-

His call reflects growing public pressure for measures and a widening realisation among power companies that such measures are more costeffective than building new generating stations.

In a report published yesterday, the environmental pressure group Greenpeace suggests energy-efficiency initiatives could create 50,000 jobs in the next decade.

Greenpeace commissioned Betty Krier, an American economist, to examine the effects of the US electricity industry's \$3.1 billion a year.

environmental spending.

Ms Krier concluded that each dollar invested in electric-ity efficiency avoids spending \$1.5 to \$1.75 on electricity supply. In the United States, efficiency measures had al-ready created 80,000 jobs. she said. Ms Krier predicted that annual spending by American utilities on electricity-efficiency measures would more than double by the end of the decade, and could reach

\$10 billion a year.

A recent study for the Association for the Conservation of Energy, conducted by Professor Gerald Manners of University College, London, suggested energy efficiency measures could create 50,000 jobs in Britain over the next

Last week, Manweb became the first of Britain's 12 regional electricity companies to set up a scheme to reduce power demand.

The measures will range from supplying low-energy lights and insulation to householders, to advising industrial and commercial customers on



for a five-year coal supply. It comes into effect on March 31 when the current contracts between British Coal, the generators and the regional com-

panies run out. Jim Keohane, commercial director of East Midlands, is heading a team negotiating on behalf of the regional

East Midlands said it re-majned keen to do a five-year deal "because we think that means stability and would not preclude any supplementary arrangements that may be

required".
Eastern first made it clear it was negotiating its own deal last month when it signed heads of agreement with the two generators.

Mr Smith said: "We believe that there is an advantage to being first in this in terms of getting the best price, related to matching our load profile to the generation available." In the deal with PowerGen,

Eastern has become the first of the regional companies to persuade a generator to provide a hedge against the cost of electricity in the pool, or spot market. Ed Wallis, chief executive of PowerGen, said the contract with Eastern was a further demonstration of PowerGen's determination to conclude a satisfactory contract with: British Coal.

Sources involved in the talks because there are still too many uncertainties. They say a deal is unlikely before the middle of January.

Michael Heseltine, the

trade secretary, has written to Neil Clarke, British Coal's chairman, arguing the case for a one-year deal to carry the coal industry over its present

period of uncertainty.
But yesterday, Mr Clarke gave a warning that a one-year coal contract would not be enough to secure the future of the coal industry.

He said that "only a radical transformation" of the market

for coal would save a significant number of the 31 collieries on the company's original



Looking up: Tony Pidgiey sees an opportunity for Berkeley, one of Britain's most profitable builders, to take advantage of fallen property values

#### Summit calms markets

BY JANET BUSH ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

RELIEF over the outcome of the Edinburgh summit calmed European currency markets. Dealers and investors were disappointed, how-ever, at the lack of overt measures to strengthen the exchange-rate mechanism.

The summit, by seemingly keeping the move towards European political and monetary union on course, and by agreeing a modest growth package, removed one negative issue that had exerted pressure on the ERM. But it has not changed the fundamental source of tensions the Bundesbank's high interest rate policy.
Steding was little changed,

stuck at around DM 2.4550, where it closed on Friday. The French franc and the Danish crown, both prime targets for speculation last week, strengthened a little but their recovery against the mark was o. I de German curren rose somewhat against the dollar and the Swiss franc.

For the French currency, there was good news from figures showing French inflation at a six-year low of 2.1 per cent in November. However, there is still considerable nervousness. Opposition voices in France are questioning the government's strong franc policy as the economy remains stagnant and unemployment rises. The franc remains in the danger zone.

Despite the fact that the weekend accord opened the way for a second Danish referendum, there was little speculation against the Dan-

## Scottish Provident to buy **Prolific from Hafnia**

By Sarah Bagnall

Provident's existing operation. Mr Woods said this was SCOTTISH Provident, the mutual insurer, is to pay £81.75 million for Prolific because Prolific's fund man-Group, the life insurance, agement business has a strong pensions and unit trust combrand name and is based in London, while Scottish Provi-dent is based in Edinburgh. pany, owned by Hainia, the troubled Danish insurer. Included in the price, which

The bulk of the consideration is to paid when the relevant authorities, which in-clude the department of trade and the Isle of Man authorities, approve the deal. This is expected early next March. The remaining £6.25 million tranche, which is for items, including tax, that cannot be verified at this time, is due a

Mr Wood said it was unlikethat there would be any redundancies but that he expected some movement between the two groups. Furthermore, there "is bound to be a degree of rationalisation in corporate func-tions", he added.

Any changes to the top management are as yet unde-cided but Jean Wood, manag-ing director of Prolific, is taking on a senior role in the new entity.

The two groups have differ-ent types of managers and there will have to be an audit in terms of where the strengths and weaknesses lie, he said, adding that the "intention is to get the best of what there is in the two groups".

### Berkeley says good buy to the slump

BERKELEY Group, the house-builder, is investing another £100 million in the commercial property market to take advantage of the slump in values and high yields (Neil Bennett

Tony Pidgley, chief executive, said the group had agreed to double the size of Berkeley Eastoak Investment, its venture with Saad Invest-ments, the Saudi holding company. Berkeley will invest up to £20 million in BRI.

Berkeley is one of the most profitable builders on the stock market. Pre-tax profits rose 27 per cent to £6.92 million in the half year to end-October, with house sales up from 336 to 468. The interim dividend rises 10 per cent to 1.65p.

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## VW plant to work reduced hours

By COLIN NARBROUGH

VOLKSWAGEN joined other leading German carmakers suffering from deteriorating demand, by announcing plans to introduce short-time working at its Wolfsburg plant, in Lower Saxony, in the first quarter of next year.

The company said 12 days of short-time were foreseen for the three-month period: it had not yet been decided how many of the 40,000 production employees would be af-fected. The Wolfburg works produces the Golf.

VW shares fell sharply on the Frankfurt exchange, touching a new low for this year before steadying. This was in spite of an earlier warning from VW's workers' council that short-time working was planned.
Plans to reduce production

at German car plants have been caused by a weak international economy and domestic recession.

The authoritive German economic institute, Ilo, predicted that western Germany's gross national product would probably contract by 0.5 per cent in 1993.

Trade union sources said

Ford Motor was expected to announce 5,000 job cuts in Britain and Germany tomor-row. They said the company might announce plans to close the body and assembly plant for Escort and Orion cars at

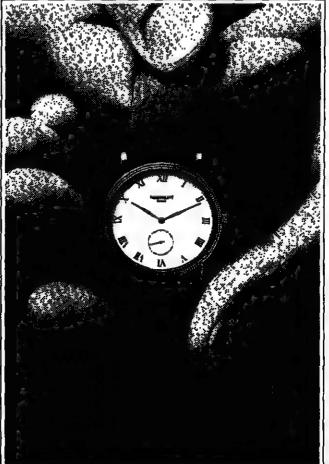
Halewood, near Liverpool. Ford declined to comment. but confirmed that manage ment and unions are to meet tomorrow in Britain and

Motor industry analysis believe VW's short-time announcement is intended as a signal to the workforce that big job cuts can be expected next year, after Carl Hahn steps down as chief executive. At the moment, Wolfsburg

is working overtime, but the flow of new orders has prompted concern about the future throughout the German car industry.

Only BMW appears to have been able to ride out the current downturn.

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## Heseltine to present awards

By OUR CITY STAFF

MICHAEL Heseltine, the trade secretary, will be guest speaker and present awards at the next Coopers & Lybrand awards dinner, held in association with The Times. The annual event, formerly

known as the USM awards but now extended to fully listed companies, will take place on March 11 at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London.
The awards are open to

companies with a market capitalisation of up to £200 million. This covers about 1,800 companies, or 80 per cent of all quoted stocks. Awards will be presented in six categories, including, for the first time, the best perform-

ing small company fund. Voting for the awards will be through a coupon to be pub-lished in The Times. A panel of judges will select a shortlist of six candidates for each award. Shortlisted candidates will be profiled in The Times early in

COOPERS & LYBRAND AWARDS

Last year's winners included Medeva, the pharmaceuticals group, chosen as company of the year, and Airtours, as the best performing share. David Goldman, chairman of Sage Group, a computer consultancy, was entrepreneur of the also be awards for the best ear. There will once again annual report and accounts

compares with the £90 million Hafnia paid for Prolific in

September 1989, is more than

David Woods, managing

director of Scottish Provident,

said that the acquisition,

which is being financed in cash, will cause the group's

adjusted free asset ratio, which

was 25-27 per cent at the end

of last year, to fall by about 2

The deal boosts Scottish

Provident's funds under man-

agement by about 37 per cent

from £3.1 billion to more than

£4.25 billion. Prolific's life

company has more than £700

million of funds under man-

agement company has about

£350 million. Scottish Provi-

dent is also buying Prolific's

offshore company, based on

Mr Woods said that the two

businesses fitted well together.

Prolific's life operation, which is mainly in the unit-linked, unit trust and Pep businesses,

is to be merged with Scottish Provident's life operation,

which is a with-profits office.

As a result, the Prolific name

will be dropped, including for

the offshore business, which

gives Scottish Provident access

remain for the fund manage-ment operation, which will be

run separately from Scottish

But the Prolific name will

to a new market.

the Isle of Man.

£20 million in cash.

per cent.

and best new company.

The deadline for nominations is January 22 and the judging panel will meet and make its selections in the week that follows. Nominations are sought from financial advis-ers, public relations com-panies and other organisations representing smaller

## SFA restricts futures and options firm

By Sara McConnell.

THE Securities and Futures Authority (SFA) has served an intervention order on David Coakley Ltd. a futures and options trader, severely restricting the investment business the firm can carry

It is believed private inves-tors may have lost more than £100,000.

The SFA said yesterday: "The firm has been trading in futures and options for private clients on an advis-ory basis and has repeatedly failed to ensure that tments undertaken on behalf of those clients were appropriate for them and has placed the interests of the firm above the interests of the clients."

The SFA said there had been a "significant" number of complaints over the summer. Several hundred private investors are thought to have put money with the firm, after responding to press advertisements, and then been subjected to highpressure telephone selling

v salesmen. Under the intervention order, David Coaldey can carry out investment business on an execution-only basis for non-private clients or transactions necessary to close out other client positions. The firm has to transfer all assets or positions of other clients to outside brokers within 14 days or return the assets within the same

The firm is allowed to continue to do business for clients whose investments are managed by commodity trading advisers or by Leonard Berney, a financial advis-

Any advertising material has to be approved by the SFA and the firm has to tape all telephone conversations. and keep the tapes for four months. The restrictions imposed

by the SFA on the firm's business are designed to prevent more investors being exposed to similar risks. If the intervention order is breached, the firm could be closed down.

Intervention orders of this kind are "quite rare", the SFA said. They are made when the enforcement committee believes firms may not be fit and proper to do the investment business they are carrying on or when it is believed firms may have been guilty of misconduct. They are also used if investors need to be protected.

The SFA's investigation is

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## Iran lifts output by Opec

A surge in Iranian oil production last month pushed Opec output to its highest since 1980, the Middle East Economic Survey reported. Opec produced 25.49 million barrels a day. The cartel agreed in November to limit production to 24.582 million barrels a day from December until the end of March.

Iran's output reached 3.835 million barrels a day in November, 215,000 above October's level, Kuwait, too. increased output by about 100,000 barrels a day, to an estimated 1.45 million. Oil prices last week fell to \$17.65 a barrel for Brent crude.

#### Telfos lifts stake

Telfos Holdings, the British subsidiary of Austria's Jenbacher Transportsysteme, has raised its stake in Ganz-Hunslet of Hungary from 51 to 100 per cent. The purchase price was not disclosed.

Morland changes Jasper Clutterbuck, chief executive of Morland, the brewer, is to become executive chairman when Sir Humphrey Prideaux, the chairman, retires on February I. Martin Mays-Smith will be deputy.

#### Pelican ahead

Pelican, a London restaurant group, increased pre-tax profits by 173 per cent to £357,000 (£131,000) in the six months to September 30. Turnover rose to £3.8 million (£2.8 million). Earnings per share were 1.9p (1.1p). There is no interim dividend (nil).

#### Losses reduced

British Bio-technology cut its losses from £5.7 million to £4.72 million in the half year to October 31. Losses per share fell from 23.2p to 14.3p. The share price was un-changed at 430p.

IT WAS a low key affair on the bond market with investors

anxiously awaiting this

week's steady stream of eco-nomic data, including money

supply statistics, to provide

further evidence of economic

### STOCKMARKET

## Doubts on economy deter investors

SHARE prices started the new three-week trading account, which will carry them into 1993, on an uncertain note. Investors wanted to comb this week's glut of economic data for the faintest signs of recovery before making a move.

Without a lead from financial futures, the equity market was left to its own devices for much of the day, making it difficult for traders to establish a trend.

Only an early mark-up on Wall Street enabled London to finish the session in positive territory. The FT-SE 100 Index ended 5.6 points up at 2,721.8. Turnover was described as "pitifully thin"; by the close, only 438 million shares had changed hands.

Among the leaders, Reuters was an early casualty, falling 18p to £13.33 after a bad press in the US, where its shares enjoy a large following. The American business press says the group's new Globex computerised trading system for foreign exchange and commodities markets is not enjoying the growth that was hoped

There were a few buyers around for British Gas, up 6p at 271 p. The shares were a weak market last week, after a suggestion by Ofgas, the regulatory body, that the group should substantially reduce the rate of return on its gas pipeline business. It is feared that the proposal may be

enforced by the government. Tarmac, a takeover favourite, suffered a setback; the shares fell 5p to 100p. BZW is said to take an increasingly pessimistic line on the group's

Hopes of a white knight emerging to save Evode, which makes Evostik glue, from the clutches of Wassall appear to be fading. The Evode share price slipped 2p changed at 187p.

BAA, the airport operator.

firmed 1p to 782p. Passengers handled in November increased almost 4 per cent, to 5.3 million. But traffic figures at Gatwick dropped by 1.4 per cent after the closure of Dan-Air's charter operations

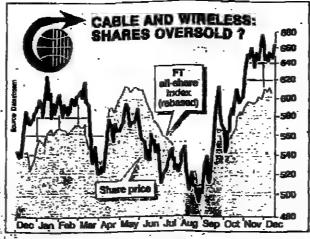
British Airways, which acquired Dan-Air, eased 2p to 280p as the European Commission decided to launch an enquiry into the takeover. The move follows a request by Belgium, which invoked special clauses in merger rules never used before.

Fisons firmed 2p to 212p after announcing plans to dispose of its consumer health business to Roche, the Swiss pharmaceuticals group. The sale of the business, including Sanatogen vitamins, will raise E90 million. In November, Fisons sold its US consumer health operations to Ciba-Geigy for £93 million. Berke-

There seems to be no stopping Tadpole Technology, the computer software group that came to market a week ago after a placing at 65p. The shares touched 240p yester-day before profit-taking left the price 15p lower at 179p. The group has just signed a major contract with IBM. Brokers claim that the shares still have some way to run.

lev, the housebuilder, responded to better-than-expected half-year figures with a jump of 20p to 290p. Pre-tax. profits were up from £5.4 million to £6.9 million on a 39 per cent increase in the number of houses sold, in spite of continuing decline in the housing market.

Tiphook, the container and trailer rental group, climbed



10p to 294p after raising its interim dividend by 11.4 per cent to 4.90, despite a 44 million drop in interim pre-tax profits to £35.2 million. The group recently changed its broker and has enjoyed strong support in the US after apply-ing for a New York share listing. Robert Montague, the chairman, said strong cash flow and dividend cover gave

cable and Wireless to finish the session 20p higher at 667p. The market took the view that the shares have been oversold. American buying helped to boost turnover to more than 2.5 million

C&W's price has been de-pressed by political uncertain-y in Hong Kong. Much of C&W's earnings come from its Hong Kong Telecom subsid-iary, and there are worries about its prospects once the Chinese take over the colony after 1997.

County NatWest has been telling clients that the shares enjoy a premium rating, but the political risk in Hong Kong could prove dear. Even so, some brokers are enjoy support as investors begin switching out of BT, down 5p at 280p after going ex-dividend. Brokers and fund managers will be happy to see the BT share price driven lower, ahead of the £5 billion sale of the government's re-maining tranche of stock. The water absorpanies put up a

Endbroke iell 11p to 169p in reaction to Briday's profit downgrading by Smith New broker. Smith cut its forecast for 1992 by £19 million to £191 million and for 1993 by £10 million to £220 million. UBS Phillips & Drew and Hoare Govett are thought to have cut their estimates by a

surprisingly resilient performance, despite the fact that no less than six of the ten main companies had gone ex-

These included Northumbrian, 3p better at 550p; North West, which finished unchanged at 470p, after falling to 463p; Severn Trent, 1p lighter at 449p; South West, 1p easier at 484p;

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negotiations. Dividend growth of between 11 per cent and 14 per cent remains their primary auraction with both institutional and private investors.

cerned about the outlook for the power generators, which were hit by last week's Offer report on economic purchase. . The regulator remains un-

convinced that the contracts recently offered to the electricity distributors were at prices that could be easily justified. The sector is expected to come under increasing scutiny during the next month, and it is unlikely that much of the news will be positive.

off last week's setback to firm 2p to 271½p, while Power-Gen rose 4p to 272½p, Scottish Power 3p to 233p, and Scottish Hydro 2p to 251p.

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recovery. As a result, government securities were left looking neglected with the March series of the long gilt closing unchanged at £9929 on the bond market as only 8,500 contracts were completed, one of the lowest turnover

levels this year. It was a similar story in the cash market where at the shorter end Exchequer 94 per cent 1998 firmed three ticks to £1097/32 and in longs Treasury 9 per cent 2012

eased one tick to £1025/32. Brokers said that losses were limited with buyers evident at the lower levels. There was also selective support for the E700 million of taplets

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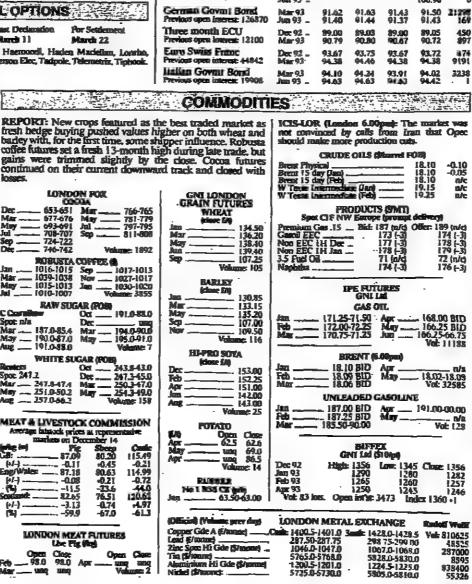
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#### WORLD MARKETS:

## Nikkei loses ground as credit hopes fade

Tokyo — Selling of steel and blue-chip high-tech issues depressed the market as investors hopes of an early credit easing faded. "Pension and insurance funds aren't buying as actively as people expected and investors have nothing they can follow," said Masahiko Tsuyuzaki, of Tachibana Securities. The Nikkei index fell 166.9 points

to 17.274:12. New York - Shares eased slightly in early trade. Analysts said the market was preparing for the traditional "Santa Claus rally" in the last four trading days of the year and

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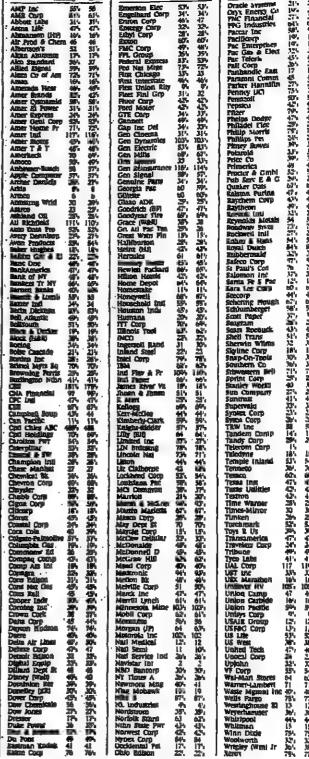
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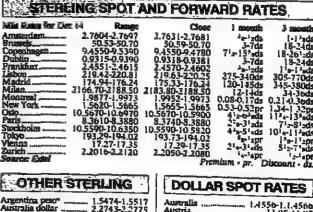
er at 5,267.73. ☐ Singapore — The Straits Times index eased 2.05 points to 1,445.52.

☐ Sydney — Early price falls were reversed and the allordinaries index closed 11.8 points up at 1512.4. (Reuter)





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## Tears, in theory,

for Mr Gaidar ussia's change of prime minister will doubtless be greeted as a blow to reform. Yegor Gaidar, author of the rush to the free market, has given way to Viktor Chernomyrdin, an apparatchik who used to be in charge of the appallingly run gas industry. At this stage, the regrets of outsiders should be as theoretical as Mr Gaidar's policies, which put the textbook ahead of human nature. Western advisers should have told reformers a truth that rarely appears in theory. The basic test of any economic policy move anywhere is not whether one system yields a better result than another, but how people will react to the change, since that will determine its effect in the real world. In Britain, tax

reforms that ignored this rule have sometimes had

the opposite effect to that intended. In Russia, the

perverse effects have been more drastic, routing the country's path to the West via the Third World. The aim of removing absurd subsidies on basic commodities in the former Soviet Union was to relate prices to costs and thereby stimulate the supply of goods to the public. In Russia, administered prices simply went up. Often, prices charged in the black market, which were just as artificial, became the norm. The effect on people's living standards therefore swamped benefits from making relative prices more realistic. Everyone demanded more money, producing hyper-inflation. Instead of raising and speeding the supply of goods, the inflation brought by reform led to hoarding. The old bureaucratic distribution systems broke down long

before the tiny free market was able to take over. As the UN economic commission for Europe has pointed out, switching to free markets itself needs planning. Price and pay incentives need to go at the same pace as reform of management and the creation of the institutional framework for free markets. Russia had plenty of spivs but not enough venturers to take the reins of its economy overnight. When the new regime looks west, it might look at how capitalist takeover kings operate. They understand that people who know a business are needed to run it. When axing discredited top management, they seek and promote managers in lower tiers who are capable and hungry enough to adapt to new methods and new goals. If such people cannot be found in Russian state enterprises, there is little hope.

## Pension pointers

eplies to Professor Roy Goode's post-Maxwell enquiry into pension fund reform, due to reach his committee by today, have proved as varied as their authors. There is hardly any universal agreement on anything. Given that, four themes have emerged. Sufficient changes in law are needed for a pensions bill to be a high priority for the government programme. This bill should also coordinate existing legislation but need not scrap everything and start again.

The rules on boards of trustees are far too weak. Management rightly plays a vital part, but it should not control trustees. Independent trustees should play a greater role, take more responsibility and have stronger rights to information, much as envisaged for non-executive directors in the Cadbury boardroom weakness in its enforcement. A pensions regulator is needed to monitor returns, relate to trustees and, if necessary, intervene. By contrast, it would be counterproductive to rely on a compensation fund, since this would weaken the drive to prevent abuse. Pension funds are not an industry in which such a spurious back-up might be justified to encourage competition by new entrants. If companies cannot meet stringent rules, employees would be better off investing in

## Christmas profits rush set to soften impact of Sunday trading verdict

The European Court is poised to give its Sunday

shopping ruling, but Jon Ashworth believes it

will be months before the issue is resolved

he timing is ironic. The European Court has chosen the busiest shopping period of the year to pass judgment thorny issue of Sunday trading. The Luxembourg verdict is

So many shops and stores are now prepared to open on Sunday during the festive season compared with a year ago, and so desperate are retailers for another day's takings. that the impact of the ruling is almost certain to be swept aside in the rush for Christmas profits. Only the threat of injunctions by local authorities in the event of a negative ruling could

It is likely to be months before the uncertainty over Sunday trading is clarified once and for all. The Euro-pean Court's decision must be ad-dressed by the House of Lords, and there are fears that the issue may not resolved in time for next

The trickle of stores prepared to open on Sunday has become a torrent. At first, it was just do-it-your-self chains such as R&Q. Last year, Tesco, Safeway, Asda and Sainsbury opened on Sunday in England and Wales in the weeks leading up to Christmas and have continued trading on Sunday on a limited coale. ing on Sunday on a limited scale throughout 1992. This Christmas, most of the high street names - with notable ex-ceptions such as C&A, Marks and Spencer and the John Lewis Partnership — have decided to

follow their example.

For the first time in its 83-year history, Selfridges, owned by Sears, decided to open between noon and 5pm on the two Sundays before Christmas. Harrods is shut on Sunday, but 52 of 62 stores in the House of Fraser group, including DH Evans, Dickins & Jones and Army & Navy, decided to open from 1 Jam to 5mm on the four Sundays preceding Christmas for the first time.

Even Kendals of Manchester, claimed to be the oldest department store in the world (established 1796). is following the others. A House of Fraser spokesman said: "We decided with some reluciance to put our toe into Sunday trading. We are not great fans of Sunday trading as a-

cure-all for retailing woes."

Kwik Save, the UK's largest discount strocery retailer, relucia announced plans to open its 780 foodstores on the penultimate two Sundays - December 13 and December 20 - because so many other retailers were doing so. It took the step "to protect our competitive position during this concentrated trading period but remained opposed to unrestricted Sunday trad-ing, saying that, ultimately, it "would lead to higher food costs and the demise of the British high street".



Window of opportunity: Selfridges in Oxford Street, which is offering Sunday trading for the first time

The decision by converts such as Sears and House of Fraser to open on Sunday has put immense pressure on competitors to follow suit. They need only look to the success of supermarket groups such as Sainsbury, which has more than a million customers each Sunday and estimates that UK sales have risen by about 1 per cent as

This time last year, only a few dozen branches of Boots were open for business on Sunday. This Christmas, the number has swelled to about 300 stores. Most of the 222 Do-it-All stores, jointly-owned by Boots and WH Smith, are open on Sun

throughout the year. City analysts are divided on the benefits of Sunday trading. Most agree that it suits the DIY stores, but think the stores groups are, at best, breaking even on the day. Many are compelled to open because their competitors are doing so, making Sunday trading more a matter of market share than profits. Only a percentage of branches will prove commercially viable on a Sunday and

retailers are still experimenting to get the formula right. Food retailers can see less obvious benefits. Michael Bourke, food retail analyst at Panmure Gordon, said: "Any addition to overall sales is tiny, but selling goods which would otherwise have been marked down on Saturday means less wastage and is helping them run their stores more

arks and Spencer, C&A and John Lewis are three of the biggest names not to follow Scotland, where Sunday trading is legal, and is countering Sunday opening in England and Wales by extending shopping times during the week. For the second year, M&S is supporting its stance with a prominent advertising campaign. A free telephone service advising customers of extended store opening times took more than 6,000 calls on its first day. A spokesman for M&S emphasised that the only reason it would not open

stores on Sunday was to comply with the law. He said: "We are very disappointed that the government hasn't acted until now." M&S is backing a plan that would allow convenience stores of up to 3,000 square feet to trade on Sunday without restrictions on hours. The proposals would allow DIY stores and garden centres to open on Sundays regardless of their size and permit anybody to trade on the four Sundays before Christmas.

some or all of its 300 high street

John Lewis, which owns the Waitrose chain of supermarkets, is NELLITERETTE IO TERONÓ quickly to end the controversy surrounding Sunday trading. It will not open on Sunday at present for the same reason as M&S, but the stance comes at a price. Waitrose is estimated to be sacrificing £1 million a week in lost sales by not opening on Sunday.

The inability of the British courts to decide whether the 1950 legislation which governs Sunday trading is incompatible with free trade princi-

ples of European Community law led Britain's highest appeal court to refer the issue back to the European Court in Luxembourg for the second time in two years in May. The appeal court was seeking further clarification on the tests it should run on the legality of the Shops Act 1950.

While confusion persists, stores continue to open their doors seven days a week. Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, has put forward three proposals to help to end the "uncer-tainties and anomalies" of Sunday trading. The first is for total deregulation which would place the law in England and Wales on the same basis as that in Scotland and give retailers freedom of choice. The government tried and failed to bring in total description in 1986.

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The second, favoured by Shopping Hours Reform Council (SHRC), would allow small shops to open at any time on Sunday and larger shops to open for up to six hours. The third, proposed by the Keep Sunday Special campaign, would prohibit all Sunday trading except for shops catering for recreation, emergencies, social gatherings and travel. Local authorities would have the final say on whether any shop should be allowed to open on Sunday.

ay Powell, a Welsh Labour MP, has tabled a private member's bill which proposes to restrict Sunday trading even further. The bill is due to have its second reading next month, but may be overtaken by the Clarke proposals, rushed through to head off the threat. Work has begun on a bill providing a mechanism for Parliament to vote on the proposals. The bill would contain clauses to provide protection for existing shopworkers from being compelled to work on a Sunday if they did not wish to.

A poll done for the SHRC by Mori in October showed that four out of five people felt that shops should be allowed to open on Sundays during the run-up to Christmas. The per-centage had risen from 74 per cent to 81 per cent since a similar survey in 1991. In an earlier Mori poll, conducted in September, just under three quarters of participants had visited a shop on a Sunday in the previous four-week period. The most popular trip was to a petrol station and motor spares shop, followed by visits to confectioners, newsagents and tobacconists. Just under a quar-ter had visited DIY stores and food supermarkets.

The greyness of the law continues to the up the courts. Four B&Q employees from Dewsbury, West Yorkshire, are suing their local council for lost wages after the store was forced to close for a period last year. The women lost their part-time Kirklees council secured an injunction forcing the DIY chain's branch

The store has since reopened for Sunday trading. In September, the four sought an injunction at Bradford County Court to prevent the council taking new action that might cost them their jobs once more. The application and the wages claim are due to be heard in the High Court next month.

#### Blind date for a princess

THE Daily Star. desperate to leave no stone unturned in its coverage of the Prince and Princess of Wales, has gone husband-hunning for the prin-cess and turned up her "dream blind date" from a dating agency. Step forward Chris Manhews, joint managing director of Shandwick Consultants, described in the paper as "a well heeled highflyer with a passion for beautiful blondes". The princess's personal details were fed to the Dateline computer under an assumed name. The agency trawled its databanks and turned up Matthews, also described by the paper as "a hunkier version of Di's close pal and confidant James Gilbey", as the ideal match. The next thing Shandwick knew, the paper's reporter and photographer were at the company's City headquarters. Matthews, in a display of admirable sang froid, merely commented: "I'm just pleased that fame has come to me before I'm too old to enjoy it." A purported "By Royal Appointment" plaque has already gone up in his office.

Happy Eurospeak

AN AWARD for inventive ness in the corporate Christmas card must surely go to Blackstone Franks, the City accountant, for its A4, wordy and amusing dig at EC bureaucracy that is couched in Eurospeak. "It has become apparent that many Xmas cards are wasted because they do not conform to the socio-religious



orientation of the recipients. it announces, "resulting in the so-called Xmas card mountain". There follows an annex to the Maastricht treaty to harmonise Christmas card procedures. Failure to report to the new interim Christmas Card Regional Unemployment Directorate (CCRUD) at the Bundespost by January 31, it threatens, can result in the Commission imposing fines "of up to 10 per cent of aggregate group Xmas card out-put". Lance Blackstone, the senior partner, says he dreamt up the idea in the bath, got hold of an EC directive and adapted it. "Frankly, our Christmas card is a lot more comprehensible," he claims. He has sent it to Jacques Delors, John Major and all MEPs. "They should welcome a touch of humour."

### Coin for Bosnia

AFTER making the first ecu coin for Gibraltar, Pobjoy Mint, in Sutton, Surrey, is to produce an historic coin for Bosnia and Herzegovina. It is

worth 14 ecus and is claimed to be the first coin to carry a charitable surcharge: two ecus to be divided between Unicef and the Red Cross to help Bosnian citizens. The coin's design incorporates the bridge of Mostar, built in 1566, said to be the only one now left standing in war-torn Mostar, and the reverse shows the old city centre in Sarajevo and a symbolic dove of peace.

#### Wikner's headache

SO HOW did Hugh Wikner, of Strauss Turnbull, the Lonhro broker, acquire 16 stitches in his head last week? Wikner assures us there was nothing untoward. Last Monday, his taxi collided with another outside Wood Street police station, from where he as taken to Bart's. The surgeon said it wasn't a cut, it was a slice. I was effectively scalped." Wikner says. He nevertheless remained at his post to see through Tiny Rowland's headline-grabbing share sale - and is now paying the price with numbing pain. "It was a memorable deal — for all the wrong reasons," he says.

WEALTHY businessmen tend to spoil their children - but not all succumb, according to Country Life magazine. William Hesketh Lever, the soap tycoon, died in 1925, leaving a company worth E56 million. So what did he give his eldest son on his sixteenth birthday? A copy of Self Help. Samuel Smiles's morally improving guide to making one's way in the world by means of thrift

and hard work.

DEBRA ISAAC West Midlands.

#### Lessons in history for wise men of the Treasury

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From Mr Peter Marsh

Sir, Janet Bush in her article

(December 9) refers to Wynne Godley being left out of a

survey in October by the

Financial Times of the fore-

casting accuracy of 41 groups

of economists. Professor

Godley was omitted from the

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survey made clear - econo-

mists had to have published forecasts regularly from early

1990 onwards. Professor

Godley, along with several other forecasting groups, was therefore disqualified from

this particular survey - the

purpose of which was to

measure forecasting accuracy

From Sir John Walley Sir, So the government has, at last, taken refuge in the appointment of a group of leading economists (of different tariff on all imports (for

ing views) to find the way out of our present troubles! The memories of those now involved, including their critics, do not go back far enough. Ought they not to be studying the papers of the period which we used to call the Great Depression of 1929-32? True, we then had a Labour government without a majority in Parliament. But it had won what everyone then saw as a great victory at the 1929 election and could, therefore, act quickly. Without Thatcherism or any other ism to live down, they were able to resort to their committee of conflicting economic advisers before their Black Wednesday. This was, of course, that on which they were forced to abandon the gold standard to which we had returned six years before.

I presume that our modern Keynesians will have studied the papers of this committee, since Keynes was not only the then government's chief economic adviser but the commit-

#### Coffin humour

From Mr Clive Hereward Sir. Jon Ashworth got the joke about the vicar, the solicitor and the accountant's response to their friend's dying wish nearly right, (Any Other Busi-ness, December 10). The accountant said: "Don't worry, I'll make up the difference." He took the £13,500 in cash out of the coffin, and put in the E30,000 — by cheque. Yours faithfully, CLIVE HEREWARD. Arden Road,

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tee's chairman. The one thing over a relatively long period because he restarted his formal economic projections only in early 1991. cent tariff on all imports (for which no staff or machinery Yours sincerely PETER MARSH.

preferred solution! Southwark Bridge, SE1. Needs must when the devil drives! The Labour party eff-ectively destroyed itself for From Miss J.M. Pick Sir, The seven new Treasury Terriers who are already being referred to in your business section as wise years to come by refusing to follow Macdonald and his Chancellor into a national men", are all dully orthodox economists, all talking the government which received the overwhelming support of the country, at the 1931 same inadequate language of monetary economists, all too preoccupied with short-term election, in a drastic programme of cuts and additionfigure-juggling to take in the longer, broader, deeper, view al taxation which no presentday economist or politician would contemplate. The odd that takes in the laws and thing is that it seems to have limits associated with the finite achieved its objects. The nature of things, principally, the energy question.

That is a different ballpound held its new rate and, by the time I became a

secretary of the cabinet comgame. The Treasury has simply chosen a team of old boys mittee on unemployment in to give it a regular fixture list of 1932, this too was on the games to the old (and thormend. And there was no oughly discredited) rules. inflation! Yours faithfully, Yours sincerely JOHN WALLEY. J. M. PICK.

23 Maybourne Grange, Tumpike Link, Brookland House 24 High Street, Croydon, Surrey. Cottenham, Cambridgeshire.

From Mr Grenville Hewitt Sir, In her article on the new advisory panel that is to help economic decision making (December 9), Janet Bush quotes the chief economic adviser to the Treasury as saying: "We really want to hear what these people have to say and indirectly the Chancellor will hear it." I am amazed to read that

the Chancellor will only hear from the experts "indirectly" and thereby risk distortion and censorship. Yours faithfully, GRENVILLE HEWITT. 52 Makins Road, Henley-on-Thames,

#### Rates still high

From Mr Simon Baggott Sir, I see that inflation is down to 3 per cent, while Mr Lamont said on December 10 that he has no immediate plans to reduce base rate below its current level of 7 per

Accordingly, the real interest rate remains at 4 per cent, which is precisely where it was when base rate was 15 per cent and inflation stood at 11 per cent.

By this deliberate continuation of a severely deflationary policy, the government can continue to expect to preside over increasing unemploy-ment and business failures for many months to come. SIMON D. BAGGOTT, 112 Chorley Road, Sheffield.

#### Abbey shares

From Mrs Margaret Clarke Sir, Further to the Rev John D. Rawlings letter (December 10) there were two further categories who lost out in the original distribution of Abbev National shares. These were where the first

named trustee of a charity account also had an account in his or her own name and the chairty lost its right to any shares, and also, the estate of a deceased holder had no entitlement.

Now is the time for the first of these omissions to be Yours faithfully, M. CLARKE (Certified Accountant). 67 Headley Drive, Epsom.



Following the DIVIDEND DECLARATION by Ford Motor Company (U.S.) on 8 October 1992 NOTICE is now given that the following DISTRIBUTION will become payable on or after

Gross Distribution per unit Less 15% USA Withholding Tax

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Alan Ford is the Dame in a traditional Christmas

show at the Theatre Royal, Stratford East



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John Fisher: a British lion in Venice, he is conducting at Covent Garden for the first time



ARCHITECTURE: Marcus Binney detects a sea-change in attitude to the much-derided suburban semi-detached

## Genuine affection for Mock Tudor

com and ridicule have always been the lot of the suburban semi. Even Osbert Lancaster, who wrote with waspish affection of styles such as Wimbledon Transitional, Bankers' Georgian and Pseudish, could only revile what he

dubbed Bypass Variegated.
To D.H. Lawrence they were "horrid little red mantraps"; for W.H. Auden they stood "isolated from each other like cases of fever". Clough Williams-Ellis, one of the first great campaigners against urban sprawl, claimed "they were mean and perky little houses that surely none but mean and perky little souls could inhabit with satisfaction". In 1942 a handy Penguin book entitled Living in Cities, distributed to British troops,

listed Mock Tution Classic among the crimes of the century.

the semi can be Today the champions, and none too soon. A tide of plastic windows and is robbing By-

of its authentic trim. First came Alan A. Jackson in his Semi-detached London (1973), reissued in 1991 with numerous illustrations of contemporary advertisements and postcards; and then the engaging polemic of Dunroamin: The Suburban Semi and its Enemies by Paul Oliver, Ian Davis and Ian Bentley. "You live in one of Edgware's semis? Better move to a more civilised address, like Camden Town," Davis was told at architectural school.

Yet measured in terms of building homes which people live in long after the first tower blocks have gone, inter-war suburbia is an impressive achievement. Lloyd George had won an election in 1918 on the promise of providing "homes for heroes". Up to 400,000 houses were held to be needed immediately. A committee was established under the MP Sir John Tudor Walters (the Tudor was to be unexpectedly appropriate) to recommend patterns and densities.

For large blocks of tenements and flats, Tudor Walters said, "no advocate appeared". Flats were out. setting England on a very different oath from continental Eur

Between 1918 and 1939 over 4,170,000 houses were built. To the American writer Herbert Gray, England's success in housing the people was "an accomplishment that history will class as one of civilisation's greatest strides".

As early as 1902 H.G. Wells had imagined how the revolution in communications, the railway, the Underground, the telephone and telegraph, could turn all Britain south of the Highlands into one vast urban region. Wells foresaw horsey suburbs, "smart white gates and palings everywhere"; garden-ing suburbs, "gables, roses and holly hedges"; golf districts among heathery moorlands; and river districts "with gaily painted boathouses peeping from the

The origin of the semi can be traced back to the Eyre Estate in London's St John's Wood. Here the auctioneers, Spurier & Phipps, drew up a plan in 1794 for an estate of semi-detached houses laid out around a circus crescent and

square, though veloped until the 1830s-1840s. Later, the Vic-torian and Edwardian practice of building exhouses, back to back, led to houses being built in pairs, with alleys in between pro-

viding access to garden and dust-

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But it was Tudor Walters who determined one of inter-war suburbia's most distinct characteristics the wide road flanked by grass verges, pavements and front gardens. In an age when tuberculosis was rampant, it was held that sunshine was necessary to health, and that every room must have its quota of sunlight. In London, Tudor Walters calculated an open space of 70 feet was necessary to ensure that sunlight would reach ground-floor front rooms at noon on December 25. Forgetting the peasoupers that were prevalent at the time, this standard was adopted throughout the country. The broad verges also provided an easy path for gas, electricity and water mains.

A second characteristic of semidetached suburbia was that the houses had no basement. One of the first estates to dispense with these had been Bedford Park in Chiswick, birthplace of the Queen Anne revival, with the gables and bay windows that later became halimarks of the semi. A version of Oueen Anne, with square bay and Surrev-style tili adorning the façades, was adopted between the wars. But the style that became ubiquitous was Tudor.

Tudor can indeed be claimed as the most popular British style of the 20th century. It may have meant no more than a few creosoted



Small world, small semi and small car, in an unidentified outer London suburb in the 1930s. From Alan A. Jackson's Semi-detached London, second edition, 1991

floorboards applied to a front (actual half-timbered construction was banned), but it distinguished owner-occupiers from nearby council estates. It evoked domesticity and Merrie England. To the new ideal Home magazine, in 1922, the English half-timbered homestead seems to epitomise the traditions of the race."

A persistent criticism of the semi was that it was jerry-built, precisely the charge made against much of Georgian London (which, like the semi, survives today, as popular as ever). With this goes the charge that THEO HOU unwillingness of many building firms to use architects. If this charge is true, the biame must be laid at the door of the Royal Institute of British Architects, which in 1922 amended its code to prevent its members from undertaking development, defining practice in a way that would have debarred the activities of John Wood in Bath, or John Nash in Regent Street. Since late Victorian times small

builders had been able to obtain house plans almost by return of post, simply by writing to the *Illustrated Carpenter and Builder* with their requirements. However, Professor Jeremy Whitehand, of Birmingham University, who has just launched a major survey of inter-war suburbia, believes "architects will prove to have a much larger role in designing semis than reviously thought. He Research on Edwardian housing has shown that many of the drawings in planning offices are signed by architects." Certainly the modern versions with wrap-round metal windows were designed by architects, notably by Welch.

Cachemaille-Day and Lander. Though price was critical, a surprising amount of ornamental trim went with many semis, notably stained glass in the front door and porch windows and often in the upper lights of bay windows. Inside hallways, Old England may have ruled, but often the stained panelling and picture rails have a distinct kinship with Frank Lloyd Wright's early houses in Chicago.

he main selling point was the labour-saving kitchen the three-bedroomed dian counterparts, was built for a life without servants. Undoubtedly the semi, compared with the terraced house, was wasteful of land, but this is ironically not a lesson that has been learnt. The same criticism can be made of new

towns, business parks and executive estates today.

Monotony is also undeniable. Fine trees were too rarely retained, and when new trees were planted they were usually smaller varieties such as chemies, rather than the great forest trees which ennoble similar housing estates in much of America and Holland. If suburbla is tedious and regimented it is infinitely better

than "shacklands" such as Peacehaven on the Sussex coast, where plots were sold to individual owners to build what they liked. It is only when you obtain a vanta point or look at the suburbs from the air that the sheer formality of many layouts becomes apparent. Versailles style radiating avenues and concentric circles were more common than the picturesque lay-

In preservation terms inter-war suburbia is still largely uncharted territory. A few conservation areas have been designated. But while it would make sense to list the occasional untouched semi to ensure it survives with all its original trim, there is 'no sign this will happen. Julian Holder, of the heritage group Twentieth Century Society, says: "We are regularly rung up by house buyers who have just seen a perfect period semi that is beyond our means and they are in decrease that it will be benefit in in despair that it will be bought by someone who will wreck it.

The time has come to form a Semi Society. With a constituency of four million households it could quickly become one of Britain's largest preservation groups, giving it a potential muscle that would make the Historic Houses Association look like a bantamweight.

GALLERIES: John Russell Taylor on a surprising show of British works on paper

## Terrific draughtsmen in here

A catchy title does not neces-sarily tell the whole story. Perhaps, if it is catchy enough, it does not need to. Take Beardsley to Bomberg, which is attached to a show of works on paper culled from the Tate Gallery's permanent collection. The period covered is 1870-1920, one which covered the covered that the th which encompassed the whole headlong progression (headlong even in conservative Britain) from Victorianism to Modernism. Beardsley, strictly speaking, is right in the middle somewhere. One of the artists represented, Frederick Walker, died in 1875 when Beardsley was only three. But then, "Frederick Walker to Ethel Walker", though rather more accurate, would dearly ring far fewer bells.

It is desirable that as many bells as possible should be rung, because the show itself is so extraordinary. On the whole we associate works on paper with the British Museum rather than the Tate. But in fact this is one of those grey areas, where artists might be in one or the other or both. The Tate, having responsibility for the national collection of British art, tends traditionally to hold works on paper by British artists of whom it also has a more substantial holding in oils. But further than that it also holds watercolours and drawings by artists who seldom or never did anything else, especially if they qualify as vital documents in the history of taste.

The illustrations of Beardsley certainly come under that rubric. So do such famous Max Beerbohm caricatures as "the Pre-Raphaelites and their circle," all of which are here to delight as well as, uitimately, to impress with the way that Beerbohm makes his apparently wayward and childish line do just

what he wants it to. The show begins with the generation of 1860s illustrators such as Frederick Walker, George Pinwell and J.W. North, whose precision of



Innocent depravity: Anbrey Beardsley's cover design for the Yellow Book, 1894. Tate Gallery

line and delicacy of touch come over even more effectively when seen in the original rather than translated into wood engraving, however skilful were the journey-men who did it. It then goes on to such fin-de-siècle artists as Conder, Ricketts and the less remembered illustrators such as Henry Ospovat, Philip Connard and Robert Anning Bell, who do not deserve the obscurity into which they have

And then there is Beardsley himself. The more firmly he is put into context the less he seems to belong to it - or to any context. His unfailing brilliance in manoeu-vring black and white to create a dazzling array of imagined colours is all his own. So is the extraordinary world of innocent depravity in which his creatures move and have

Since the tremendous vogue of Beardsley in the swinging Sixties there has been, perhaps inevitably, something of a reaction. But by now his work has been lying fallow. spared the knowing over-cultiva-tion of Carnaby Street rip-off merchants for just about long enough to let a new generation look

at him with new eyes.
From 1900, 1890s "decadence" is replaced by the march of the moderns. Rather tentative, as presented here: after all, the heyday of Vorticism, Britain's own and most potent avant-garde movement of the 20th century, comes well within the time-span proposed for this

show. But there is no Wyndham Lewis, no Wadsworth, no Epstein, and only a couple of rather mild Bombergs, carefully modern without going overboard. On the other hand, further eccentric individuals such as Paul Nash, only faintly brushed by Cubism, Surrealism and other continental movements, come over very well indeed. And who would have thought that the Tate had wondrous rarities such as the haunting drawings by J.D. Innes and Maxwell Lightfoot hidden away? As a chance to see

should not be missed. ● Bomberg to Beardsley, at the Tate Gallery, Millbank, SWI (071-821 1313). MonSat 10am-5.50pm. Sun 2-

such, if nothing else, this show

## Branagh brings in the crowds for his long-distance Hamlet

THE Royal Shakespeare Company's new production of Hamlet, now in preview at the Barbican, has taken the largest box-office advance for a Shakespeare play in the company's history. Takings have already topped £1 million for the arrady topped El million for the production, which has kenneth Branagh fondling poor Yorick's skull and Adrian "whether "is" Noble directing. The fact that Branagh's face has been peering down from cinema screens all around the country in Peter's

Friends does help, of course.

Nevertheless, his return to the RSC after eight years is the biggest theatrical event of the season, and punters will certainly get their money's worth. Small print at the bottom of the Barbican leaflet asks spectators to get to the theatre early. The production is fearlessly using the uncut text and the running time is estimated at four-and-a-half

 WITH the nation succumbing to the temptations of the karaoke machine, the Musicians' Union and Arts Council are stepping up efforts to encourage live music. They have won endorsement from senior rockers for "Gig Right UK", which brings together 25 smaller venues across England. Phil Col-lins, Peter Gabriel, Mick Jagger and Ringo Starr have agreed to act as patrons of the campaign, which aims to help musicians gain expe-rience of playing live, and also to assist venues with advertising, PA improvements and the like. The list of venues ranges from The Borderline, off Charing Cross Road in London, to Manchester's Band on the Wall.

#### Remains to be seen

BUSY times at Merchant-Ivory: shooting of Kazuo Ishiguro's Booker-winning novel The Remains of the Day, with Anthony Hopkins as the ultra-correct butler and Emma Thompson as the housekeeper

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forlornly in love with him, has just finished. Editing has begun and the finished film should be shown in both Britain and America next

Meanwhile Ismail Merchant,

normally the producing arm of the team, is off to his native India to direct his first feature film, an adaptation of a novel that was short-listed for the Booker Prize: Anita Desai's In Custody. And the hunt is on for the right leading actor for James Ivory's next creative project, the story of Thomas Jefferson's tempe as the United States'

Last chance . . .

JASON DONOVAN's first concert tour since starring in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat has been a self-congratulatory affair, even if it has failed to push his version of the Herman Hupfeld standard "As Time Goes By" into the Christmas Top Ten. Still attracting a barely pubescent and highly wocal audience, the former soap star's show depends as much on his posing routines as on hits such as "Rhythm of the Rain" and 'Sealed With a Kiss". See the jacket, then the shirt come off for the last time at the Winter Gardens, Margate (0843 292795) tonight.



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WC2 (071-240 1086), 7,30pm. MADNESS: The Nutty Boys are joined by wholesome Liverpool band, The Farm, and techno kings 808 State, who have recently provided an expant cover version of UB40's One in Ten. Wernbley Arena, Wembley, Michiesex (081-900 1234), tonight, tempirow, 7pm.

MESSIAH: A performance of Handel's

no, organised by soprano Eldower Hantly in aid of the homeless.

Westminister Central Hall, Storeys
Gate, SW1 (071-222 4163), 7pm. SILLY LIAP: After 11 weeks on the road the Keth Warerhouse/Willis Hall comedy enjoys a London season, Paul Wyelt plays the undertaker's ass with a burgeoning lantasy life. National (Cottestoe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Opens tonight, 7pm, tomorrow, 7 30pm; then in

IOITH BAKK PICTURE SHOW: The tast open painting competition of the year, the annual show at the Festival Hall, now in its soth edition, can never matter was abandoned. It sometimes reflecting Landon's ethnic varieties; the

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and successful musical explores the infruies that drives no-hopers to leil American President's Dommar Wavehouse, Earlham Street, WC2\*(271-867 1150) Mon-Sait 7 30pm, mats 17. ss., Sat. 3pm. 105mins.

III CAROUSEL: Joanna Riding and

All Carputossus observe noting and Alichael Hayden star in bramphani revival of the Sodgers & Hemmerstein languound musich Hational (Lyttellon), South Benk, SE1 (071-928 2252) Tonight-Sat, 7-30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2 15pm, 180mms.

GRACE: Arva Massey and James Laurarson in nicely acted but superficial play about televangelists in Yorkshire. Hampeted, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301) Mon-Set, 8pm,

C HAY FEVER: Very furmy performances (not always where you expect) in Coward's excellent correct Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-

867 1115). Mon-Sal, 8pm, mats, Thurs,

TIT HUNS IN THE FAMILY: Large

the hospital common room, matron outraged, doctors flummoxed. Pay

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Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC≥ (071-839 4401) Mon-Frt, 8pm, Set, 8.30pm, mate Thure, 3pm, Set, 5.30pm.

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THIS OF THE SHIDER WOMAN.

Rivers makes a striking varry, Shatteebury, Shattasbury Avenus, WC2 (071-379 5399) Mon-Sat, Bpm, mais Wed, Sat, Spm. 180mins.

performance by Rosemary Hamis in a Neil Smon correctly more weighty then usual. Maureen Lornan gives good walke as a loopy aum. Strend, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800).

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NEW RELEASES

Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical. It commune the values of Manuel Puig's novel but Chita.

riin's pre-leminist musical is no mode a Ninetes woman but the songs are smply territic.

Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5987). Tues-Sat, 7 30pm, mete Thurs, Sat, Sun, 3pm, 160mms

BRAINTREE: The Royal Shakespi Company's touring production of

REGIONAL

photo-realism to abstract expressionism. Foyer Galleries, Festival Hall, South

Bank, SE1 (071-928 3002), Dally, 10sm 10.30pm, opens today until Feb 7.

DYLAN THOMAS — RETURN JOURNEY: Bob Kingdom's tour de lorce as the spelbinding, doorned

post. Derected by Anthony Hopkins. Lyrie Studio, King Street. Hammersmith, Will (181-741 8701). Opens tonight, 7pm; then most even apm, mais at various times, incl. Sur-Dec 27 at 2 15pm and 4 45pm, until

THE SLEEPING BEAUTY: Broom

THE SLEEPING BEAUTY: Bryony. Levery and None Sheophard give the giarn treatment to the seasonal ineatment arounts; expect plenty-of involvy and outrage if last year's Peter Pan is anything to go by. Amanda Pink, designs swicony desturies. Drill Hall, Chemies Street, Wr (071-837 8270), tonight-Sun, 7-30pm.

House full, returns only Some mosts evaluable South at 15 prices

Mon-Sat, 7 30pm, mats Wed, Set, 2.30pm, 160mins. O WINDER BY MISADVENTURE Gerald Harper and William Gaunt play crime writers who fall out and pit their ed wits against each other run-of

man's point of view. Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 6070), Mon-Fri, 8.15pm, Set, 6pm and 8.45pm, 135mms.

A PERSON FOR A BONG: A Dogsel household of eccentrics prepare to detend their shores from Napoleon's

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TODAY'S EVENTS A daily guide to arts

Rechert III. Oracled by Sem Mende and starting Simon Russell Beale Braintree Lalaure Centre, Partield Lane (booking through the Town Half 0376 56225) Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats tomorrow, Sat, 1.30pm; chame compiled by Karl Knight main prize winners this year, John Dewe Mazihews and Bernadette Kerr, both hover powerfully on the edges of abstraction, and the rest range from

LEICESTER: Julia Bardeley directs a cast of four adults and three children in Frankenstein, the Gotho: Lale thet spawned a thousand movies. Heymarket Studia, Belgrave Gale (0533 533797) Tonight-Sat, 8pm, mals Wed, Sat, various times.

Richard III. directed by Sem Mendes

MANCHESTER: Alen Gemer's compelling Elidor, a tale of a magio land part a britch every formfour own, brought to the steep, for seven years and upwards. and upwards.

Coetaid, Oxford Read (091-274 4400).

Public pelormances today, armonic 2pm and 7.30pm, then Christmas Eva, 2pm, and continues after Dec 29.

COCFORD: Daydreaming Princess Fooling and mischlerous Torn Fooling Fooling About, by the team who produced last year's delighbut Megic Playhouse, Beaumont Street (0965 798600). Today-Thurs, 10.15pm and 2pm; Frl; 7pm, Set, 16.15pm and 2pm, until Jan 3.

SOUTHAMPTON: Granville Sazton directs Simbad's Arabian Nights will sturis, gitter and, apparently, a bit forty thisyels. Hudfletd, University Road (0763 674771). Tonight-Set, 7.30pm, met Set, 2.30pm; then at verious times clasty until Jan 16

#### THEATRE GUIDE

Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119), Mon-Fri, Spri, Sat, 8 30pm, mets Wed, 2,30pm, Sat, 5 30pm, 120mins. III QUR SONG: Peter O'Todia in Keith Waterhouse's play about a menopeusei mele's Infatuation with a young woman. Neetly done though we only heer the

fleet John Whiting's engaging comedy. Orange Tree, Carence Street, Fishing and College (1984), Mon-Set, 7,45pm, mets Thurs (Dec 31, Jen 7, 14) 2,30pm, Set, 4pm, 150mine.

production that some admire greatly while others feel autordinates the text to Virus Union and American and American and American (Cityler), South Benk, SE1 (071-928 2252) Tongra, Iomanow, 7. ISpm, met today, 2pm, 198mins.

tun trip down Memory Lane, set in wartime Broadcasting House, bursting with sprightly Noel Gey numbers. Queen's, Shelbsbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040) Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Set, 8pm, mate Thurs, 2.30pm, Set, 4.30pm. LI THE MICE AND FALL OF LITTLE VOICE: Alien Shadman and June Horrocks in Jim Carteright's play about a stry girl escaping her raucous mother. Ingenious but incredible Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 8404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, met Set, 4pm

THREE BIRDS ALIGHTERS ON A FIELD: Namel Walter perfect agein in

revivel of this subtle, comit state-of-the-nation play, set in a world of shifting values and plumneting ant-prices. Royal Cent, Sicene Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, met Sat, feet 1870 per

April 150/mins.

U TRAYELS WITH MY AUNT: Simon Cadell, John Wells, Richard Kane.
Onstopher Gee play all 26 parts, male and larnale; in Gless Havergal's marvellous adaptation of Graham

Wysdbart's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116), Mon-Fri, 8pm, 8st, 8.15pm, male Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm, 140mins. ETRELAWNY OF THE WILLS: Prinero's cornedy about theatre lofk in mid-Victorian London. Successful only in parts and the minor parts at lost Steen Michael Hordern and Sarah Brightman.
Comedy, Parton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045), Mon-Sat, 7 30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2 30pm, 150mps.

WIFELDOW RESINCE A DEVIS It will DOF intsition A gav is murdered while witnesses nicle and then led guilty; bough New York drame by Phylis Negy, a runner-up in the Mobil Playwriting Awards Theatre Upstalins, Royal Court, Stoeme Square, SW1 (071-730 1745/2554). Non-Sat, 7.30pm, met Set, 3.30pm (gate performance: Dec 18, 9.30pm). 75mins. Final week.

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ELENYA (PG): Simple, direct wartime tale of a Welsh grif and an injured German airmen. Strong feature debut by director Stave Gough, subde child performence by Pascale Detalouge

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NOME ALOWE 2: LOST IN MENT VORK (PG) More of the same, with some crucity and a home new streak of sentenentality Director, Chris Columbus. Barbless (U71-638 8891) MGM Octubed Street (U71-638 6310) Street (U71-638 6310) Octubed Street (U71-638 6310) Oct sys (071 - 782 3332). INTO THE WEST (PG). Two gypsy children note a mysterious white hors hidren nde a mysierious white hoi to wesiern Iraland. Wayward bul engaging Stars Gebnel Byrne, Ellen Barkn, Director, Mike Newell Octeon Haymarket (0428 915353) TRACES OF RED (15) See murder

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\* THE CRYMIG GAME (18) IRA gurmen becomes obsessed with a hostage's guilnend Bold, powerful Null Jordan lim that falters at the close. Stare

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CHRISTMAS SHOWS: Jeremy Kingston joins the young critics at two London pantomimes

## Panto's dead? Oh no it isn't



That's the way to do it: the company of David Cregan's pantomime Aladdin at the Theatre Royal, Stratford, London E15

THERE is to be no large-scale panto-mime in the West End this year but when all is said and done, such affairs can be something of an endurance test, especially when the saying and the doing takes three hours to reach the final line-up. The panto out east in E15 is generally a better bet, and this year's is the best since Cinderella back in 1989. Significantly, the same author, David Cregan, wrote the book and the director is again Philip Hedley.

Like other writers Cregan can give a jokey venom to his villains but he is also a dab hand at snappy lyrics and, crucially, his heroines are never soppy. Jackie Crawford's Princess is not only phenomenally pretty, a living China doll, but wilful, eager for street experi-

A WINSOME heroine protected by

magic powers; another woman wear-

ing hair cascading over her shoulders

but dressed in knee-high suede boots

and seemingly the hero; an actor

togged up in polka-dot bloomers and a

fly-trap crinoline — clearly this is the

land of pantomime but panto with a

difference, for it is set in Jamaica at the

time of Columbus, a never-never land

of dancing couples and strange desti-

nies, every bit as bizarre as Dick

Whittington's London or Aladdin's

been flourishing for half a century and

Yvonne Brewster has adapted this

example for Talawa Theatre with an

ear for what she feels British audiences

expect. Yes, well. We expect colourful

settings and dashing costumes, and we

are given plenty of these, the best worn

Black pantomime in Jamaica has

ence and determined to get her own way. One of the show's best numbers, to foot-tapping music by Brian

Protheroe, is her paean to the joys of a bath - it is on her way to the public bath-house that she will meet Aladdin. Oh when I'm clean, when I'm clean, I shall glisten with alabaster sheen." The dozen more rhymes that follow include

water of a dirty greyish-green." The Aladdin of Benjamin Fellows is wilful too, eventually proving his mettle by extorting from the traders (though without too much effort) a good price for his silver salvers. His character contrasts with the goody-goody

Aladdin Theatre Royal, Stratford East

Pert her down.

Kwailing, perkily played by Tracy Harper. As the Dame remarks, "The place is full of pert girls. Yvonne Edgell's Genie of the Ring is

Rowloon of Antho-

ny Corriette, the

Princess's Intended,

who ends up with

Aladdin's sidekick

another, though perhaps jaunty describes her better, cheering up with a few conjuring tricks the hero trapped in the cave. Hedley uses the revolve in Jenny Tiramani's set to good purpose here, the grim rockface turning 180 degrees in order to become a jewelled

The crowded, lacquer-red hovels

where the Din family dwell are most picturesque, and for the scene changes two halves of a giant fan rise up from the stage and join together. I loved watching that happen.

Michael Bertenshaw's leopardcloaked Abenazer is evil but polite: "We hate you," shouted a child from the audience and was rewarded with a nod of thanks. The huge disembodied lips of the Genie of the Lamp move realistically and Alan Ford's Dame. something of a Frankie Howerd lookalike, wears a gown from the wardrobe of a camp Roman empress for his last number, a glorious parody of "My Way". Two girls get to rub the lamp and the Grand Vizier's moustaches are on sale in the fover.

makes a kind of sense. But the love

affair between the princess and Von

## Jamaican patty makes a change from pudding Arawak Gold

Cochrane Theatre.

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by Clive Llewellyn's lofty Zimi, messenger of the god Jahkoma, who whirls in on skates wearing a million

sequins. We expect and are given music, stirring when it comes with a reggae beat, utterly feeble in the numentic ballad. Plot, yes, there's a need for a

the conventions of cross-dressing. Pre-

sonably good wheeze and sets in

motion a plot of gold-hunters pursuing a local princess (Janice Acquah) as she sets off on some unmotivated journey to the mountains. Oscar James's hoitymodicum of that, but here Brewster's toity Dame sides first with the Europeversion falls to pieces in trying to ans before discovering racial loyalties combine the arrival of Columbus with - to the extinct Arawaks, of course, not

the Africans — and this just about

Bundes Bank (Eve Ferret) is nonsense. All right, Dick Whittington never looks much like a bloke but at least the name tells you what sex the character is supposed to be. Von? What's that short for? Yvonne? With her rippling blonde senting the explorhair and trilling voice her role is ers as four greedy ambivalent from start to finish. "Is she religious hypocrites, a Spaniard, a Yanlesbian?" asked the kids, puzzled but kee, a German and knowing, in the row in front of me. a Japanese, is a rea-

Jolly knockabout from the Juan Yen of Bill Monks brought laughter, and I liked the contemporary references made by Eddie Osei's Chief, forced to pay taxes and dividing the audience into two to decide which half should be struck off the Civil List. But the failure to provide a credible central relationship leaves the show with a false heart, more confusing than no heart at all.

DANCE: Nadine Meisner on the second programme offered by the visiting Nederlands Dans Theater

VIRTUALLY ali great companies lean either towards dancers or repertoire in pursuit of excellence. But Nederlands Dans Theater — like New York City Ballet under Balanchine — divides its strength equally. Outstanding dancers perform outstanding works.

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Two Kylian classics from 1978 featured in the second Bradford programme: Symphony of Psalms and Sinfonietta, both taking their names from their music and evoking feelings

## Equal partners in beauty

rather than specific themes. Symphony of Psalms was made in response to Stra-

vinsky's choral composition, a tautly dramatic score, its opening statements Women sink to the floor as though of sudden surges of plucked strings like a giant orchestral animal flexing its muscles. Kylian matches the intensity and scale with vigorous blocks and lines of dancers, bodies that curve brusquely and arms that open like crucifixes.

In Sinfonietta, the mood seems celebratory, the noisy proclamations of Janacek's trumpets impelling affirmative leaps that criss-cross the stage. At the back, painted hills gently surround

homeland - any Alhambra, Bradford homeland - or the

Czech homeland of the composer and choreographer. returning to the earth: figures face the landscape, arms expanded in a scenic embrace.

Kylian's Petite Mort and Hans van Manen's Andante both set out to delve beneath the surface varnish of Mozart (parts of Symphony No 40 and Piano Concertos in A and C major). Andante presented Jean Emile and Fiona Lummis in a duet whose rituals reflect the music's formality, but whose manner implies acerbic undercurrents. Petite

Mort is one of several Mozart-based works by Kylian displaying states of dress and undress. Less overtly jokey than Six Dances in the first Bradford programme, it is even more darkly threatening: it, too, offers the sinister frisson of empty 18th-century court dresses wheeling about the stage, like shells of overbred civilisations. The dancers en déshabillé look as erutic and violent as the title suggests. Men swish their fencing foils with elegant viciousness: couples perform sensual

and exquisite pas de deuxs. Mozart, always difficult for choreographers, inspires a piece of consummate dance invention, resonance and thearricality. Lone live the Alhambra for bringing NDT: and congratulations to the Manchester Camerata and Bradford Festival Choral Society for their contributions.

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ear the latest operatic sensation from Italy! How often have the wallets of the Covent Garden faithful been prised open with those magic words? Probably about six times a season for the last 250 years. But this Friday it is different, honestly. The latest operatic sensation from Italy happens to be British. He is John Fisher, aged 42, a Glaswegian conductor and pianist who makes his Royal Opera debut conducting Handel's Alcina.

Should you have heard of him? Not necessarily, unless you delight in scanning the dark and secret innards of Opera magazine. Since the early 1970s Fisher has worked almost entirely outside Britain. But opera-lovers in Italy certainly know of him. In 1989 he was appointed artistic director of La Fenice in Venice. He was the first foreigner for as long as anyone can remember to be allowed to run a major Italian opera house - and Italians tend to remember their opera supremos rather longer than their prime ministers.

Fisher admits that the appointment "caused a minor furore, the Italians being Italian". In fact there were good and bad aspects. The good part was that he suddenly had an annual subsidy of about £14 million to play with, and one of the world's loveliest theatres to spend it in. The bad bit was that the previous administration had perpetrated a classic scorched-earth policy. Fisher found not a single production planned for the follow-

ing season.
He did have one thing in his favour. As a non-Italian, he could keep clear of the murky political intrigues that poison Italian opera-life. "When I was nominated, I expected opposition from every quarter, because I was neither Italian nor aligned to any political faction," he says. "But in a funny sort of way that worked to my advantage: I was unassailable in political terms. And I did get great support from the Italian artistic community, because they are fed up with the politicisation of the arts. It has become much worse recently.



"In Italy you go into a rehearsal prepared for them not being able to read the notes. In Britain the music is read perfectly the first time": John Fisher on orchestral differences

and led to enormous corruption that is only just coming to the

What of the opera house "reforms" now being robustly debated in Italy? Fisher is sceptical. "Reform is not what I'd call it. They are proposing to make huge cuts, with more resources being channelled into La Scala and Rome, and all the other state theatres, like La Fenice, being relegated to the status of provincial houses."

By all accounts - British and Italian - Fisher turned La Fenice round with remarkable dexterity. and produced a glittering season 'Italy's artistic community is fed up with the politicisation of the arts'

this year to celebrate the theatre's bicentenary. "One option was to fill the whole year with works pre-miered in Venice. I decided to make it almost 50:50. So five of the 11 operas were ones given first performances at La Fenice — Rigoletto, Traviata, Italian Girl. Semiramide and Britten's Turn of

He conducted three productions himself, but what most impressed critics was his skill in picking casts, with established stars cunningly mixed with brilliant young Italians. This gift for talent-spotting is not really surprising. Fisher's whole career up to 1989 had been spent working with singers.

He read psychology at Glasgow University, and did postgraduate keyboard work at the Royal Academy of Music. Soon after, he auditioned successfully to be a repetiteur (vocal coach) at the Théâtre de la Monnaie in Brussels.

Until 1939 this was the classic way to become a conductor: serve a kind of appremiceship in half a dozen provincial houses, learn all about the repertoire and how to tame the monster personalities of prima donnas, and then strike out as a music director.

Since the war, however, the tradition has declined. Young conductors are greedy for bright lights and big cheques. But not Fisher. After Brussels he went to Amsterdam for three years, and did a spell at Cologne. Then he became assistant to Claudio Abbado at La Scala.

He stayed on in Milan as the head of La Scala's music staff, learning about what makes opera houses gel, or not. Along the way be picked up five languages, and something more valuable still: the secret of conducting. What is it? "Phrase as singers breathe. That is the basis of all music-making."

Fisher is uniquely placed to note the contrasts between the British and Italian ways of making music.
The biggest difference must be in the orchestras. In Italy you go into a on Friday at 7pm.

rehearsal prepared for them not being able to read the notes. In Britain the music is read perfectly the first time."

On the other hand, Fisher acknowledges that the spirit of opera surges through Italian veins as it probably never will here. "When I was living in Milan, I often popped into the big HMV shop near La Scala. The place would be packed with people from all walks of life arguing about which version of Traviata was better. You wouldn't find this in London.

"Of course the fanaticism has another side: the Scala public screaming obscenities at singers who are out of favour. That has become much worse." As Pavarotti discovered last week.

lisher has now left La Fenice. Indeed, he has left Italy and bought a house bolic gestures go, that takes some beating. What next? As a vocal coach and accompanist, his reput-ation is high. He could fill his diary accompanying the likes of Edita Gruberova and Katia Ricciarelli in recitals. As a conductor, much clearly depends on how Alcina goes. Fisher, who has done a lot of Handel in Italy, is no diehard purist, and hints that his Alcina will be a fleshy piece of work, "It is a very dramatic opera, all about clashing egos, and so it should have a full, meaty sound."

But perhaps Fisher's real gift is for running opera companies. In Venice, he showed what could be achieved by placing the emphasis firmly on musical values rather than faddish production concepts. For some bizarre reason the British rarely put musicians in charge of opera houses. We prefer to give the job to far grander people: television producers, for example. But it would be a pity if, somewhere in British musical life, a place was not found for a man who has amassed such experience in the holy temples об орега.

• Alcina opens at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden (071-240 1066)

sound, but the Evil One.

Witchcraft's director, Peter

Sasdy, has worked for Ham-

mer, and sometimes overdoes

the things that go bump in the

night, especially at Oakfield's

improbable Jacobean Cots-

CLASSICAL CONCERT REVIEWS: Scandinavian sounds complement the season

## The changing of the avant-garde

the "Tender is the North" umbrella, London's The Place a festival. By way of drawing our attention to contemporary music in Scandinavia, Kaija sented a range of avant-garde composers alongside a handful of established masterpieces, such as Berg's Chamber Con-certo, Messiaen's Quartet for the End of Time and Ligeti's Second String Quartet.

On Thursday the ensemble Avantil, directed by Jukka-Pekka Saraste, played the Berg, together with Minnewater by the Danish Bent Sorensen and Tractatus, by the prominent Norwegian Arne Nordheim.

The former piece, the title of which means "Love lake". is described by the composer as "full of mumbling swells and swarming cascades". Minnewater's muted impressionistic

celebration of the Feast of Santa Lucia

on December 13, and the whole event

The orchestral programme found Davis ending his Sibelius cycle as

splendidly as he had begun it. The

cycle culminated in an intense and

often dramatic account of the Second

Symphony that brought many of the

rousing Karelia march as an unexpect-

was topped off with carols.

floating sonorities irresistibly to the transformations generevoke the swirl of waves; the kaleidoscopic effects are subtle and infinitely varied. Nordheim's Tractatus, by contrast, has a more metallic flavour, dominated as it is by an incisively piping flute part (excellently played by Ingela Oien). The hard, crystalline sonorities are less suggestive than Sorensen's, but to compensate there is a more dramatic underlying impulse.

Berg's Chamber Concerto ideally combines the elements of sonority and drama, the two being held in perfect balance by Saraste and his able ensemble. Ernst Kovacic and Tuita Hakkila were admirable in the solo violin and piano parts.

On Friday evening, the Arditti String Quartet, specialists in avant-garde music, pre-sented a varied programme, beginning with Tintinnabu-lary by Per Norgard, the leading figure in Danish music today. The title alludes

ated from a single, unified line, rather like the changing tones of a bell. But there is little that is bell-like about Norgard's tough, gritty sonorities, except, perhaps in its resonant moments of repose. Even if one did not know

that Karolina Eriksdottir hailed from Iceland, it might be possible to guess from the icy wastes evoked by her Six Movements. Tentative, mini-mal (not milimalist) utterances gradually coalesce into quite aggressive gestures, espe-cially in the third movement, where inchoate whispets evolve effectively into insistent

Saariaho's own Nymphea again suggests barren, empty spaces, though this inhuman coldness is evidently as much a spiritual void as a physical state. Nymphea, for string quartet and live electronics, traces an arc from the wittering and ghostly wailing '

heavy breathing and hissing provided by the performers themselves, to the final eerie disappearance into the ether. In all these works, the Arditti exhibited their usual mastery in the face of taxing technical and expressive demands.

Even more breathtaking was the virtuosity of the Swedish Kroumata Percussion Ensemble on Saturday evening. They began modestly, with the characteristically colourful Raintree by the Japanese composer Toru Takemitsu, the delicate muances drawn from vibraphone, marimbas and crotales (antique cymbals) conjuring up a tranquil sound

In literally striking contrast, the Norwegian composer Rolf Wallin's Stonewave, for six power of rhythm. The work takes the form of a series of assaults, subtly varied in tim-bre and pulse, and culminat-

ing in a thrilling final sortie.
The time taken to assemble the massive forces of Mikael Edlund's Jord (Earth) exceeded the duration of the piece itself (about a quarter of an hour). It is a theatrical work, in which a central player representing a High Priest is surrounded by the remaining four, each in a corner of the stage. A battery of unconventional instruments includes a sandpaper block and a bowl

containing gravel, while the High Priest at one point appears to have an oral relationship with his marimba. The Swede Sven-David Sandström's Drums similarly calls for a central timpanist gradually to dominate the surrounding bongos, tom-toms and bass drums. The piece, brilliantly played by Kroumata, builds to an exhilarating climax of terrifying

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shows a curious similarity to some passages of symphonic writing; and the string playing again gave it purposeful

For this listener, however, the evening's revelation was the opening up of the reticent and usually austere sounding Fourth Symphony of 1911 by Davis's fascinating shaping of phrase and structure. A conscious reaction to the theatricality of Mahler and Richard Strauss, the work nevertheless projects a harmonic conflict which is a source of absorbing musical interest. and which conductor and orchestra between them fully communicated within the work's relatively short time-

#### TELEVISION REVIEW: Witchcraft

## Double double helping

speaking of the perpetrators of the Holocaust, coined the phrase "the banality of evil"; behind witchcraft has always lain an effort to project banal, familiar evil on to exptic scapegoats.

But all the broomstick business does not make witchcraft an easily dismissible phenomenon. After all, belief in witch-

es has a long and distinguished history: as Sir William Blackstone, the father of English jurisprudence, chillingly declared, "to demy the possibility, nay the actual existence, of witchcraft and sorcery, is . . . to contradict the revealed Word of God".

Good witching stories, among which, despite some obvious flaws, I

would number Witchcraft (BBC 2 last night and tomor-row at 9pm), Nigel Williams's screenplay based on his 1987 novel, may or may not end up suggesting that witchcraft is metaphor; but all must convey a strong and tangible sense of

Good, modern spooky tales also have a rendency to be playful and self-undercutting. Williams achieved this by con-NOEL GOODWIN structing a highly ingenious plot, whose central character, Jamie Mathieson (Peter

Tannah Arendt. McEnery) is a professor of discovered not a new vowelcreative-writing scripting a film about Ezekiel Oliphant, a 17th-century witch-hunter who hanged his own wife and mistress as witches before revesting his own commerce with the devil.

Mathieson decides to consult his old history tutor, Alan Oakfield, on historical detail, only to find that Oakfield has

become unhealthly obsessed

with Oliphant himself. These

multiple layers and connec-

tions allow Williams to weave

a dense web of parallels and

ironies between past and present, fiction and reality.

This might all have seemed

ust clever and intriguing, had

it not been for the chilling

sense of infection by past evil

which Alan Howard brings to

the part of Oakfield. Dotty

academics seem to be How-

ard's speciality at the moment

here was a Higgins who had

wold manor. On the whole, though, he creates the right ambiguous atmosphere to keep us guessing about just centre of evil is located. Enjoyable performances come from Dorian Healy as a bone-headed student director and Georgia

> ductive harlot. who might just be a witch. At the centre of this story, however, yawns a disturbing hole. Just what sort of person is McEnery's

Slowe as a se-

Devil of a time: Lisa Harrow and Peter McEnery scriptwriterprofessor meant to be? An effortless charm seems to make him irresistible to women (Lisa Harrow's Mrs Oakfield and the harlot), but what feelings and motives

does he have when he beds It is impossible to tell from McEnery's low-voltage performance, and the apparent self-immolation of Oakfield in a burning folly left me worried about the drama's ability to

sustain its menace. HARRY EYRES

#### The Barbican's "Tender is the Sibelius in splendour North" Scandinavian Festival Sunday with the London Symphony Orchestra playing another all-Sibelius programme conducted by Sir Colin Davis. Glasses of a Swedish warm ed encore. The sym-phony was certainly brightly and boldly Barbican Hall punch called Glogg were freely distrib-uted to the audience in a traditional

coloured, but it also looked beyond the surface heroics into the heart of the composer's thought-

The conductor set it going on a swinging pulse and with more extrovert character than he sometimes brings to such music. The phrasing was romantically elegant, the dynamics expansive yet controlled, the shape of the movement strongly defined. A surging declamation continued into

LSO/Davis

the succeeding move-ments as well, and the orchestra's incisive the brass to build a resplendent finale that seemed to be trying to escape the

acoustic confines of the platform. Before this we heard some less familiar Sibelius, beginning with Rakastava (The Lover) in its version for strings with a few touches of percussion. It was rewritten in this form nearly 20 years after it was first composed as a setting of poetry for men's chorus. The non-vocal version

## ROCK CONCERT REVIEW

## Heavens, he's not miserable now



Reach out and touch: Morrissey gets near his people

hen was he ever rock's Head Prefect, the Mr Steady and Dependable of the Upper Sixth? Recently, though, Morrissey's reputation for truculence and truancy has come to rival that of even the surficst

boy in the school. Consequently, starting out on what recent legend suggested might be a wasted trip to Sheffield, one wondered whether he would play into the hands of his detractors by storming offstage early in a fit

of cod-teenage rebellion. Then, somewhere around Derby, a yet worse somario suggested itself: he might not even begin the show at all, preferring to sit it out behind the City Hall's bike shed should there he such a thing - with just a packet of Woodbines Morrissey Sheffield City Hall for company. the extravagantly be-quiffed

Certainly the concert ticket gave little grounds for optimism. "Buy one Big Mac. get one free," it said on the back a poor incentive to attendance for pop's most famous vegetarian. Happily, Morrissey didn't take this irony personally, and was not only there to greet his adoring crowd (who, it must be said, appear to be getting younger by the day), but confounded low expectations by actually beginning his performance early with a cocky. almost sneering romp through "You're Gonna Need Some-one On Your Side". The slam

dancers swooned briefly, then

began slamming in earnest.

Rockabilly glamorous in hipsters and satin shirt.

star then set about maintaining this momentum through a 90-minute programme of post-Smiths highlights. Formal communication with the andience was minimal - a "good evening", a "thank-you", one "so, well" - but then, on a good night (as this undoubtedly was), the relationship between Morrissey and his fans has always been one of the closest and most intuitive in pop, and the set's mixture of aggression, selfsearching and tenderness was perfectly judged to explore each and every aspect of their

Within a consistently inspired and inspiring show, highlights were, perhaps, the gloriously melodic "Suedehead" and the darker, less straightforward "November Spawned a Monster", while "Alsatian Cousin" showed again how few peers Morrissey has when it comes to detailing the awfulness and

absurdities of sexual jealousy. And if his own performance gave ample grounds for optimism about his own artistic state of health, the scarcity of Union Jacks greeting his parting The National Front Disco offered similar and very welcome assurances about the interpretative abilities of his

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## One-stop advice shops on the way

By DEREK HARRIS

EXPERIMENTAL one-stop shops to make it simpler for small firms to get business advice should be opening by the late spring next

The move follows an invitation by Michael Heseltine, the trade secretary, for bids that should establish up to 15 of the new-style shops. The bids have to be made by

the end of next month.

What is clear is that the winners of the bids will be chosen on quality and not geography. Training and enterprise councils (TECs) will coordinate the bids, but the close involvement of chambers of commerce and local enterprise agencies as well as local authorities and probably local firms is expected.

About £3.5 million is being set aside for the first year's funding. but Mr Heseltine is looking for local contributions to be

forthcoming.

There will be further government support available for another two years should the experiment need to run that long before a decision can be made whether to go nationwide with the idea. If that happens, a chain of about 200 around England seems likely.

A broadly based steering group has helped to establish the framework for the pilot one-stop shops and there will be special attention for the needs of established small and medium-sized firms.

Mr Heseltine wants these to have access to "world-class support" in the areas of information, advice. counselling, development of business skills, exporting, technology transfer, innovation, design and other services.

He sees a one-stop shop develop-ing a long-term relationship with a portfolio of local businesses, focused particularly on small companies with growth potential.

Howard Davies, the directorgeneral of the Confederation of British Industry, who was on the steering group, said that the onestop shops could bring about a real improvement in the quality of support and advice available for

Like Mr Heseltine, he lays emphasis on the need for those running the shops to have high

## Reindeer link is good for the wallet

THE willingness of international collectors to pay high prices for top quality products has enabled the English Leather Company, of Hayon-Wye, Powys, to weather the recession. The biggest secret in the product of the survival has been its reindeer connection.

The firm was founded four years ago ty Athene English, a former professional horserider and saddle maker, with £6,000 of support from the Development Board for Rural Wales. It now supplies individual buyers in Britain, Japan and America with hand-stitched wallets, bags and briefcases that sell for up to £1,400 each.

The high prices are due to the unusual hides - 200-year-old Russian reindeer skins salvaged from the Danish ship, Catharina von Slensburg, It was taking a cargo of the hides from St Petersburg to Genoa when it was sunk in a storm off Cornwall in 1786.

Its cargo lay in shallow water 500 yards offshore until the 1970s. when the skins were discovered on the seabed by the British Sub Aqua Club. As they were found in waters belonging to the Duchy of Corn-wall, the hides became the property of the Prince of Wales. However, he waived all rights to them, allowing them to be sold to finance further

salvage work on the wreck. The hides, which had been preserved by the Cornish mud, had originally been tanned in the traditional Russian manner, using willow bark and birch oil. There fore, after prolonged soaking in fresh water, to remove the mud and sea water, and subsequent treat-



Sitting pretty: Athene English, whose leather company has managed to weather the recession

ment with lanolin and saddle soap, the hides were ready for use. Miss English was one of the few designers invited by the Duchy and the divers to use the hides, and this was the opportunity that propelled her into the international market. She said: "Comparing these skins with ordinary leather is like comparing

a Stradivarius with an ordinary violin and, as a designer, I feel duty bound to do them justice. Therefore, I hand stitch every item, taking about ten days to make one briefcase. My hope is that the products will become much loved family heirlooms, to be passed on from one generation to the next."

Although her business has expanded considerably over the past four years, leading to the employment of outworkers and the opening of a shop, workshop and mail order business in the Wye Valley, Miss English is well aware that there is only a limited supply of her Russian raw material. "I'm not

how much longer I'll be able to work with them. But in order to safeguard the business for the future. I am also designing a range of shooting and sporting bags, belts and baskets in high quality British leather. One of my aims is to help revitalise the dwindling British

revitainse the dwindling British leather industry.

When I trained as a saddlemaker 12 years ago there were 75 tanners in England. Now there are only a handful left. It is a pity, because Britain has a tradition of purpose of the property of the country of the phy, because ornain has a radinon of producing durable; high quality leather." Miss English is preparing a range of designs for a country living display at the Business Design Centre in Islington, London; in March. Next year, she also plans an assett on the also plans an assault on the continental market.

She also intends to return a small amount of the leather to Russia, in the form of a commemorative reindeer-skin bound book. This will be presented as a thank-you gift to the mayor of St Petersburg.

"Small companies that play safe by providing top quality goods for niche markets find it easier to ride the recession." she said. "Because although our market is intrinsically small: there is always a demand for top quality, and people are pre-pared to pay for it."

So although the recession is not a

problem, copiers are. Miss English has come across imitations of her designs and she is afraid that they could undermine her business. However, both she and her customers can easily recognise that these goods are different from the real thing, for they lack the company's

From January, the London Enterprise Agency will run its business planning courses on a continuing basis. The courses for budding entrepreneurs, held mainly at weekends, will be modular, with each module repeated every eight to ten weeks. That will reduce waiting time, meeting the needs of the large number of unemployed in greater London, including redundant architects and accountants, who are applying to the agency for start-up training. One module, for art and design graduates, handles aspects such as copyright and how to commercialise their output.

Applicants should contact Amanda Simmons, training pro-jects manager. Telephone 071-236 3000.

[] What makes a small business successful will be investigated in a three-year research project being funded by Lloyds Bank. The Small Business Research Trust will be collecting data from more than 200 businesses, all with an annual turnover of less than El million. A special focus will be how recession has affected them. It is hoped that some ideas on how to manage a small enterprise successfully through recession will emerge.

□ National Westminster Bank has launched BusinessLine, a 24-hour telephone banking service for small businesses. It offers basic banking services, plus the location of specific transactions, the last 25 transactions read over the phone, the transfer of funds between accounts and the facility to arrange a month in advance for bills to be paid.

**EDITOR DEREK HARRIS** 

## Getting to grips with the small print of EC regulations

BY SALLY WATTS

A SERVICE has started in Newcastle upon Tyne to help building industry companies, especially smaller firms and sole traders, understand the implications of the EC's huge and complex Construction Products Directive.

Written in legal terms, the directive covers health and safety aspects of all building-related products. Businesses that do not comply face severe penalties, including closure or seizure of goods.

What is not generally realised is that the directive applies to trading in Britain as well as in the rest of Europe, and that our present nonmandatory standards system is

being replaced by mandatory EC requirements. Lack of awareness believed to prevail throughout Britain - was revealed in the northeast after research by the built environment department at Northumbria University. Now the university has set up a European Building Centre to provide business support services.

Paul Laycock, who graduated in

construction management at Newcastle and had a spell working for John Laing, is the service's project officer. He is sponsored for two years by the DTI and the EC, and will interpret for individual businesses how the directive will affect their company. As a first step, free seminars are being held at

Durham (January 27). Stockton (February 17) and Carlisle (Febru-ary 25). Delegates can include muldinationals, one-man contractors and manufacturers, self-employed architects and engineers. Those outside the region may also arrange to attend by telephoning Mr Laycock on 091 235 8448.

The first seminar, in Gateshead, attracted more than 40 employers. Mr Laycock said: "They were very worried. Their lack of information confirmed my worst fears. With the present state of the industry, businesses have neither the capacity nor the money to investigate for themselves. All members of the industry are affected by the need to meet product harmonisation. The majority, that do follow British Standards — which are quite high — are halfway there, and will not have too much trouble meeting EC

"Getting it right will mean finding out which legislation applies to them, then altering or finetuning their method of operation, involving an initial outlay of time and money, and then continually updating their knowledge."

Possible pitfalls include a control system applying to construction product makers. They must show that they have achieved the right quality and are able to maintain it: a requirement on the first importer. of goods from outside the Community, to obtain documentation:

and the obligation on architects and engineers to specify the correct materials for the correct functions. Mr Laycock added: "The legislation's complexities are such that firms, especially smaller ones, need a hand-holding service."

He plans to organise further seminars and will provide one-to-one consultancy for businesses everywhere. Part of the cost will be borne by the DTI. There will also be free newsletters and use of the library. When businesses achieve EC standards, Mr Laycock will help them to gain accreditation. As he says, this is a good marketing move: it will look impressive on their literature and could increase



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he recession is finally taking its toll of the big City law firms. Macfarlanes is the latest of the well-known names to lay off lawyers (see Inns and Outs below), hard on the heels of firms such as Theodore Goddard and McKennas.

The Lawyer, the profession's weekly news magazine, recent-ly cited four more City firms that had laid off staff: Denton Hall Burgin & Warrens, Berwin Leighton, D. J. Freeman and McKennas have between them made more than 60 people redundant, ranging from partners to part-timers.

Alistair Dougall, of the re-cruitment consultants Quarry Dougall, says it is difficult for the newly-qualified. "It is very competitive; some of them are very, very good and there are very few opportunities."

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Another recruitment consultant, John Lacey, who runs the London office of the Charles Fellowes Partnership, said: "It is very tough going: in the past you might have five to ten people going for a position; now it is five times that." He said that outside London, in the big regional centres, the market was not quite so tight. and unemployed solicitors were increasingly looking further affeld.

Jonathan Macrae, of the re-cruiment agency, ZMB, estimates there to be 25 property lawyers unemployed for each vacancy. A recently advertised position for a litigation solicitor at Manches, a West End firm, attracted over 500 applicants. The unemployment problem is particularly acute in London. However, "firms in the provinces too are battening down the hatches", according to Julian Bown of

Reminnent Matters. Yet agencies detect what they hope is the first sign of a any sort, despite strenuous



Hard times: Hitendra Patel, a former company lawyer, now finds himself working on an airline food production line

change in the market, particularly for solicitors who have a few years' experience. Michael Chambers, of the Chambers recruitment agency, says: "I am nervous about predicting that this is an upturn, because we have seen them before and Devonshires. then there has been another dip. But there do seem to be a

few more vacancies coming David Goddard is one of the victims of the slump. "When I qualified as a solicitor in 1970. there was simply no question of jobs not being around," he says. He and two other senior property solicitors were made redundant in October 1991. Until this month he had been unable to find paid work of

Maintaining a positive attitude

Manches.

efforts and a CV which boasts a 15-year partnership in a small City firm, and high quality work for Herbert Smith. He is now working on short-term assignment for the London firm,

Mr Goddard, 47, has applied for non-law jobs, such as charity administrator, but was considered insufficiently experienced, while being regarded as over-qualified for many law firms. He speaks of the period as a "sabbatical".

Solicitors still without work, such as those below, can, like Mr Goddard, view their time off as an enforced sabbatical. But in the present economic climate, they do not know how

## Ready to work for nothing

HITENDRA PATEL was one of five solicitors made redundant in January by Mishcon de Reya. A company lawyer with four and a half years' experience since qualification, he had acted on a string of mergers and acquisitions in 1989 and 1990. This year he has worked on a food production line at Gatwick airport and as an in-house solicitor for a company which went into

liquidation owing him wages.
The longer I am out of work, the more reluctant firms are to take me oft," he says. "I decided to ring round firms. offering my services for nothing, just to keep my hand in."

He was traveiling 40 miles a day to work in a general practice, at his own expense. But he has had to let lapse his practising certificate, which would have cost £570, plus the

cost of continuing education. Mr Patel attended three interviews on the same day recently, in Manchester, Bolton and Blackburn. He found fierce competition from other London-trained lawyers.

## the good-living

ad the Chancellor of the Exchequer waved his flexible friend at any I indiscreet sales assistant at, say, 11am on a Sunday, any discussion of his choice of wine would have been merely academic, because he could not have been served until the ordained licensing hour.

The last bastion of restrictive practice in British life works like this. Someone wants to open a shop. Suitable premises are found and planning permission is obtained. However the shop cannot open until the applicant gets permission from a local tribunal. This is far from straightforward. The applicant has to demonstrate that there is a need for his wares which is not being satisfied by local competitors. The competition are allowed to appear before the tribunal and argue that

their livelihoods will be affected if anyone is allowed to compete with them. Even if the tribunal allows the new shop to open there will be strict conditions as to when it is allowed to

open.

The shop is a public house for the sale of drink, on and off the premises. Now there are some obvious differences between the sale of drink and, say, groceries. People do not spill out of grocery shops at closing time and stagger down the street. Youths do not congregate in town centres munching carrots. It is the bad behaviour of a minority that has justified restricting the sale of alcohol.

Our present licensing laws date from the first world war when Lloyd George decided to restrict the sale of alcohol to make sure that munitions workers got to work on time. These emergency measures were not repealed after the war but consolidated in the Licensing Act 1921. There are two reasons why they have been retained for so long. First, there is the British tendency to be in favour of anything that can be seen to keep the masses under control. Second, the control of liquor licensing is in the hands of the magistrates. They see so much of the consequences of excessive drinking that their instincts are to control the sale of drink as much as possible.

This may be understandable but it is anomalous. We do not restrict the sale of cars because some people drive them badly; we punish bad drivers. But such is the illogical approach to drink in this country that it is considered to be a mitigating factor in crime to say that the culprit was drunk at the time.

drink to excess and then commit crimes.
Realistically they should keep off the drink
and not rely on their advocates' pleading.
"But my client was drink at the time." The rationale for this dubious mitigation is that the offender would not have committed the offence had he been sober.

All solicitors, myself included, are guilty of this kind of intellectual dishonesty when representing criminal clients. It says little for the courts that we are allowed to get away with it. As it is, the magistrates listen politely, and then impose their standard sentence for

drink-related crime. The next day the same magistrates may be dealing with an application for a new pub licence. They will hear objections that another pub in the town will lead to more drink-related

crime. They listen politely and refuse the application. One factor they will bear in mind is that the area already has too many pubs and many licensees are struggling to make a living. They will probably not give much weight to the fact that struggling licensees are unlikely to refuse to serve someone who is already drunk or a known troublemaker.

The existing system molly-coddles the bad and inefficient while discouraging the able. The end result is that many town centres have too many small pubs, while housing estates and suburbs are poorly served. Almost one in three (3) per cent) parishes do not have

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a pub or hotel This may change. The government has announced that it is to abolish the requirement to prove local "need" before granting a licence. This is a welcome step but further steps are needed. Apart from considerations of public nuisance late at night, I can see no reason why it should be a criminal offence to buy or sell drink outside some arbitrarily permitted hour.

With greater individual freedoms should come greater individual responsibility. The Criminal Justice Act 1991 allows courts to impose probation orders with conditions that offenders refrain from certain activities. The courts now have the power to curtail the drinking of the drunken offender without having to go to the drastic length of locking him up. They should use their powers to punish the malefactors, not to limit the liberties of the law-abiding.

#### LEGAL APPOINTMENTS

## In need of a financial safety net



Home alone: Ruth Werbiski

SHEELA MACKINTOSH, a 28-year-

old litigator, has been out of work since

April. In 1990, she had been released

after articles by her previous employer

because the firm had begun to feel the

effects of the recession. However, even then, finding another

job was relatively easy and she was taken

on by a private client firm in central London. She therefore had few qualms

about leaving that firm to make an extended visit to Malaysia, to see her

In 1992, however, the employment

market is very different and, in April, on

family after an absence of seven years.

21 years before becoming a solicitor, having begun her legal career as a copy typist. In January she, like Mr Patel, was made redundant from Mishcon de Reya, where she had been a senior assistant

Married with a five-year-old son, she has heavy financial commitments. In 1975 she bought a house for her 77-yearold mother and disabled brother. Now her husband has to pay the mortgage on that house, as well as their own, from his £20,000 salary.

After four months searching for a job, Mrs Werbiski now works from home as a

her return from Malaysia, Ms Mackin-

tosh found that jobs were few and far

between. She was, for example, one of the

500 people who applied for the vacancy at

She finds that she is increasingly

frustrated, stifled by her inability to contribute. "I feel as if my life is in

suspended animation," she says. She

fundraises for a charity, the Sea Cadets,

three days a week, alongside two other

job, "and when I get it I will treasure it",

She remains positive about getting a

unemployed solicitors.

RUTH WERBISKI, aged 43, worked for sole practitioner. So far she has attracted several clients, but has received minimal fee income to offset her capital expenditure.

"Practising certificate, insurance and office equipment run into thousands, and I cannot charge in advance, except for privately funded litigation. Legally aided litigation only pays a year after the legal aid certificate has been issued," she says.

She is angry, after a lifetime of work, at the lack of an adequate safety net. "I have paid tax every year since 1964. Now we do not have sufficient money to prevent my mother and brother losing their home and being put out on the street."



Charity work: Sheela Mackintosh

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## More bad tidings

HARD on the heels of Theo-dore Goddard, Denton Hall Burgin & Warrens, McKenna & Co and Berwin Leighton, Macfarlanes has told a number of staff that they are being made redundant. The firm's managing partner, Roger Formby, denies reports that 15 per cent of the staff are to go. "The percentage of the total firm is nearer 7 per cent or 24 jobs." Six of these are assistant solicitors, some of whom, he says, "are quite senior". The rest are support staff, including seven secretaries.

"There was a lot less work in 1992. We have delayed longer than most and have done what we hope is a one off thing." The firm is not employing outplacement services. From what we have seen of that, it is not worth it," Mr Formby says.

Creditworthy

BANKS like barristers - that is the news from a survey by



the Bar. The news is particu- stuff of pipe dreams. larly good for those suffering long delays in legal aid payments. According to the Bar Council's newsletter, the banks found barristers to be good credit risks and most were prepared to lend them the equivalent of one third of outstanding fees (rates vary between 2.5 per cent and 5 per cent over base).

Call for laughter

THE publication of the courts' charter has provoked mirth among the beleaguered solicitors who use the recently formed Central London County Court (the product of a merger between Bloomsbury and Westminster). Court users were particularly amused by the photographs of smiling children in a well-equipped crèche, cheerful court staff, "information" signs, hightech architecture and clean comfortable waiting rooms. All this struck more than one 'over-stressed lawyer as the

It will be interesting to see whether Central London, with a backlog of 1,500 complaints, can live up to the charter's various promises, including a 30-second response to telephone calls (by the court's own admission, "bugs in the system", including the publication of the wrong phone number, have led to an appalling telephone sys-

Peril at sea

tem for our customers").

IF YOU are considering exporting goods to St Petersburg, send them by any method except by sea. At a recent joint meeting of the Association of St Petersburg Lawyers and Eu-Lex, a European network of lawyers, accountants and tax advisers, the delegates discussed the logisties of importing into the region. Goods coming in by sez "often disappear" and the harbour facilities are on the point of collapse, so much so

that the World Bank has had to allocate \$50 million towards emergency improvement. And if your goods do go AWOL, there is no effective criminal code or system of enforcement. However, as professional advisers can set up in St Petersburg without authorisation, there seems to be a golden opportunity for a joint venture between a law firm and a security company.

Royal role FOR those who can't face the

Queen's message at the end of her annus horribilis, there is an alternative in the shape of the three episodes of Pallas 2. to be screened by Channel 4. starting on December 21. The comedy programmes are a sequel to last year's Pallas. hailed by The Sun as "the only thing worth watching on TV this Christmas". Needless to say there is a role for the lawyers: Medwyn Jones, a partner with Cameron Markby Hewitt, is advising the scriptwriters on how to steer clear of defamation. "My task has been made easier by the activities of the royal family themselves, which has lessened the likelihood of defama-

## The Only Five Star Consultancy

Lipson Lloyd-Jones has just been voted the only consultancy in Britain to merit five stars in the 1992 Legal Business Recruitment Consultancy Survey. The Survey was conducted amongst qualified assistants at the country's leading law firms. So, while other consultancies were telling you how good they were, we left it to you to decide.

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sive jurisdiction to determine what were the internal laws of the charity and the proper application of those laws to those within his jurisdiction. That special status sprang from the common law recognising the right of the founder to lay down a peculiar or domestic law of which the visitor was the sole jurdee.

His Lordship accepted that the

position of a visitor was anoma-lous, indeed unique, but it pro-vided a valuable machinery for

resolving internal disputes that should not be lost.

conclusion that judicial review did

not lie to impeach the decisions of a visitor, taken within his jurisdic-

tion in the narrow sense of having

power under the regulating docu-ments to enter into the adjudica-

tion of the dispute, on questions of

Judicial review would, however

lie in cases where the visitor had acted outside his jurisdiction in the

narrow sense or abused his powers

or acted in breach of the rules of

In the circumstances, it was

unnecessary for his Lordship to express any view on the proper

construction of the charter and

statutes beyond saying that he had

heard nothing that persuaded him that the views of Lord Jauncey and

the Court of Appeal had been

LORD SLYNN, dissenting on

the question of jurisdiction, said that he could see no reasons in

principle for limiting the availabil-

lty of certiorari to a patent excess of

decided something that had not been within his remit, and exclud-

ing review on other grounds recognised by the law.

it should be accepted, that certio-rari went not only for such an

excess or abuse of power but also for a breach of the rules of natural

justice, there was even less reason in principle for excluding other

established grounds.

the visitor's decision.

If it was accepted, as he believed

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He had therefore reached the

was the sole judge.

either fact or law.

natural justice.

## Decision that cannot be challenged

Regina v Lord President of the Privy Council, Ex parte

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Griffiths, Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Mustill and Lord Slynn of Hadley

|Speeches December 3| The decision of a university visitor made within her jurisdiction was not amenable to challenge by judicial review on the ground of

error of fact or law.

The House of Lords by a majority (Lord Mustill and Lord Chand Slynn dissenting) so held allowing cross-appeals by the University of Hull and the Lord President of the Privy Council, acting for her Majesty the Queen as visitor, from the Court of Appeal (Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Staughton and Lord Justice 6, 1991; [1991] 1 WLR 1277), which had held, affirming the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Taylor and Mr Justice Rougier) (The Times April 1991), that the visitor's decision was amenable to judicial review.

The House of Lords unani-mously dismissed Mr Edgar Page's appeal from the decision of the Court of Appeal, reversing the Divisional Court, that the univer-sity had not exceeded its powers in dismissing him from his post as lecturer and that his dismissal had

Mr Jeffrey Burke, QC and Mr Brian Langstaff for Mr Page: Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Hu-ben Picarda, QC for the university. Mr Philip Havers for the Lord

BROWNE-WIL-LORD KINSON said that Mr Page had been appointed a lecturer in the department of philosophy at the university by a letter of June 13, 1966, stating "the appointment may be terminated by either party on giving three months notice in writing expiring at the end of a

term or of the long vacation".

As a lecturer, he had become a member of the university, which was a corporate body regulated by

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DPP v Coulorau

status made under the charter provided: "I ... members of the staff holding their appointments until the age of retirement may be removed by the council of the

university for good cause...
3 Subject to the terms of his appointment no member of the ... staff ... shall be removed from office save upon the grounds specified in paragraph 2 . . .".

Section 34(2) defined "good

On June 30, 1988, Mr Page had been given three months notice terminating his appointment on the ground of redun-dancy. It was common ground that there had been no "good cause": the university had relied on the three-month notice term in the tter of appointment coupled with the provision in section 34(3) that Mr Page's tenure was to be subject to the terms of the appointment.

Mr Page had taken the view that on the true construction of section 34 the university had had no power to remove him from office and terminate his appointment save for good cause. He had petitioned the visitor for a declaration that his purported dismissa was ultra vires and of no effect.

advice from Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, who had advised that the dismissal was valid. The visito had accordingly dismissed the

way of judicial review for an order quashing the visitor's decision.
The Divisional Court had held that it had jurisdiction to review the visitor's decision and that that decision had been wrong in law.

On the question of jurisdiction, it was established by the decision of the House of Lords in Thomas v University of Bradford (1987) AC 795) that, a university being an eleemosynary charitable founda-tion, the visitor had exclusive hurisdiction to decide disputes aris

That was because the founder of such a body was entitled to reserve to himself or to a visitor whom he appointed the exclusive right to

Justice Leonard) so held on Octo-

ber 2! when allowing the appeal by way of case stated of the

prosecution against the decision of

Judge Balston sitting with justices

at Maidstone Crown Court to quash the conviction of Stephen

Coulman by Dover Justices for

LORD JUSTICE MANN said

that using the test in DPP v Vivier (1991) RTR 205) to establish

whether the lane was a public

place, it was necessary to enquire

driving with excess alcohol.

regulation of his bounty.
However, Thomas had been concerned with whether the courts

and the visitor had concurrent jurisdictions over such disputes. In that context alone it had decided that the visitor's jurisdiction was "exclusive". It had not decided that the visuor's jurisdiction excluded the supervisory jurisdiction of the courts by way of judicial review.

Under the modern law, certio-rari normally lay to quash a decision for error of law. There-fore, the narrow issue was whether certionari lay against the visitor to auash her decision as being erro quasi mer decision as being articmeous in point of law notwithstanding that the question of
law arose under the domestic law
of the university which the visitor
had "exclusive" jurisdiction to

The locus classicus of the law of visitors was the decision of Chief Justice Holt in Philips v Bury repeatedly applied for the last 300 years, most recently in Thomas For present purposes it was 1 It showed that the court could

and would enquire whether the visitor had jurisdiction to determine the questi into the matter. estion, that is, to enter 2 If he had such jurisdiction, the court had no power to ignore it or review it by way of mandamus or in any other way.

3 The reason was that an eleemos vnary corporation was governed by m of private law that was not of "the common known laws of the kingdom" but the particular laws and constitutions assigned by the

As to the second point there were numerous cases in which attempts had been made to induce the courts to review or ignore decisions of the visitor acting within his jurisdiction, all of which had been unsuccessful.

R v Bishop of Ely ((1794) 5 Durn & E 475) was clear authority that the court had no jurisdiction to made within his jurisdiction.

Ferry lane is a public road

whether those having access were

there for personal reasons or

through characteristics personal to

themselves which were not avail-

able to the general public. If not, it

was a place to which the public had

The only reason for being there

was the purpose of disembarkation

and that was not capable of

conferring on those entering a

characteristic or reason for being

distinguished from being merely

members of the public.

If, therefore, certiorari was gen-erally available for error of law not involving abuse of power, as his Lordship considered it was, then it should be available also in respect of a decision of a visitor. In his Lordship's view, however, no error of law had been shown in

Lord Keith agreed with Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Griffiths delivered a concurring speech; Lord Mustill agreed with Lord Slynn.

Solicitors: Robin Thompson & Partners, Nabarro Nathanson for Nabarro Nathanson, Hull; TreaRegina v Toney
Before Lord Justice Lloyd, Mr Justice Smith Latham and Mrs Justice [Judgment December 1]

The offence of perverting the course of justice by interfering with a potential witness could be committed even when there was no evidence of any bribe, threat, undue pressure or any unlawful The Court of Appeal so stated

when dismissing the appeal of Ivan Toney against his conviction on April 30, 1991 in Northamp-ton Crown Court (Mr Recorder Matthews and a juryl of doing an act tending and intended to per-vert the course of public justice. On May 16, 1991 he was sentenced to 150 hours community service. Mr Andrew Wheeler, assigned

by the Registrar of Criminal Ap-peals, for the appellant: Mr Peter Haynes, who did not appear at trial, for the Crown. LORD JUSTICE LLOYD, giv

ing the judgment of the court, said that the appeal involved consid-eration of R v Kellett [1976] 1 QB 372) a case in which the Court of Appeal reviewed the scope of the common law offence of perverting the course of justice in relation to interference with witnesses.

The particulars of the offence charged against the present appelwitness in the trial of his brother, in respect of an allegation of robbery, to alter the evidence which the vitness was to give in that trial. which was due to start the follow-

Perverting course of justice

At the conclusion of the prosecution case a submission of no case to answer was made on the basis that there was no evidence of any bribe or threat or improper pressure of any kind brought to bear on the witness. The submission was

Their Lordships did not agree that the use of unlawful means was an essential ingredient of the nce. it was not an essential ingredient in other ways in which he offence of perverting the course Why, then, should interference

with a witness be an exception to that general rule? The gist of the offence lay in telling a potential witness what he should or should not say, with the intention of influencing his evidence. Counsel for the appellant relied on a passage in the judgment of Lord Justice Stephenson in Kellett

(at p392) setting out what Sir Peter Rawlinson, QC, for the Crown submitted that the Crown had to prove, the last sentence of which read: "But subject to the qualifica-tion that the means must be or the promise of a reward, we accept his general submission that an intentional interference with a witness is enough."

That sentence certainly seemed to suggest that the use of unlawful or improper means or some improper pressure was an essential ingredient of the offence, but their Lordships did not think that that could be what the court had

The facts of Kellett were unusual. Since it was common ground that the defendant had threatened to issue a writ for defamation no question arose as to whether the offence could be committed without a threat.

The answer to the question why the Court of Appeal qualified Sir Peter Rawlinson's formulation was to be found in another feature in the case. The court was not dealing with a case where the end in view was improper, as where a defen-dant had no genuine belief in the faisity of the witness's supposed evidence, but one in which the end was assumed to be proper. In such a case interference with a

witness would not necessarily con-stitute an offence, but it would if the means of interference were

improper.
In their Lordships view, the offence of interfering with a wit-

any threat or other imprope

means of persuasion.
If the end in view was shown to be improper, the actus reus of the offence might be complete even if the defendant had used no unlaw-

ful means. The passage in Kellerr relied on by the appellant had to be read subject to that qualification.

To summarise the position: 1 In the great majority of cases of perverting the course of justice by interfering with a wimess the actus reus would be accompanied by wful means such as bribery. threats or improper pressure.

2 The use of unlawful means was

not, however, an essential ingredient of the offence.

3 In cases where the defendant might otherwise have a defence of lawful excuse, for example, where his purpose was to persuade a false witness, or one he believed to be false, not to commit perjury he would none the less be liable if he

employed unlawful means. 4 Unlawful means in that context included a threat to do an other right, but in all cases the prosecu ion had to prove the ne

It followed from item 2 above that the recorder was not obliged to withdraw the case from the jury. Solicitors: CPS, Northanas.

## Duty to exercise powers in good faith

and Another v First City Corporation Ltd and Another A mortgagee and a receiver and manager appointed by a mort-gagee owed a duty to subsequent encumbrancers and the mortgagor to exercise their powers in good faith for the purpose of

obtaining repayment.
The equitable duties attaching to mortgagees, and receivers and managers, were not replaced or supplemented by a liability in negligence.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council (Lord Templeman. Lord Lane, Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Mustlli and Lord Slynn of Hadley) so held on November 19. in dismissing an appeal by the appellants, Downsview Nominees Ltd and Mr J. G. Russell. from part of the judgment of the Court of Appeal of New Zealand [1990] NZLR 625) dismissing the econd appellant's appeal from the judgment of Mr Justice Gault [1989] 3 NZLR 710), who had awarded the respondents, First City Corporation Ltd and First City inance Ltd, damages against

both appellants. The respondents' cross-appeal against the quashing by the Court of Appeal of the judge's orders in appellant and the second responnt was allowed.

LORD TEMPLEMAN said that equity had evolved principles for the enforcement of mortgages and the protection of borrowers. From those principles flowed

two inflexible rules: first, that

powers conferred on a mortgagee had to be exercised in good faith for the purpose of obtaining repay-ment, and second that, subject to the first rule, powers conferred on a mortgagee might be exercised

Others

missal for want of prosecution. The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Balcombe, Lord Justice Mann and Lord Justice Hirsty so held on November 26 when

be disadvantageous to the

In relation to those rules there was no material difference between a mortgage, a charge and a debenture, which each created a security for the repayment of a

The general duty of care alleged to be owed by a mortgagee to subsequent encumbrancers and the mortgagor in negligence was inconsistent with the right of the mortgages and the duties which

the courts applying equitable principles had imposed on the mort-

There was no room for the imposition of a general duty to use reasonable care in dealing with the assets of the company. The duties imposed by equity on a mortgages and on a receiver and manager would be quite unnecessary if there existed a general duty in neg-ligence to take reasonable care in the exercise of powers and to take

## Admitting closed documents

Family Housing Association (Manchester) Ltd v Michael Hyde and Partners Ltd and

On the ground of public policy, "without prejudice" corres-pondence could be admitted on an interlocutory application for dis-

sing the appeal of Michael

Hyde and Partners (Manchester) Ltd. (formerly D. H. Design

Partnership) and Dry Halasz Dixon Partnership, the first and third defendants in a claim made against them by the plaintiffs, Family Housing Association (Manchester) Lad, from the decision of Judge Franks sitting as an Official Referee on December 18, 1991 to dismiss their application under Order 41, rule 6 of the Rules of the Supreme Court to strike out parts of the plaintiffs' evidence made in answer to the defendants' pending application that the ac-tion be dismissed for want of

LORD JUSTICE HIRST said that there was nothing in any of the reported authorities which excluded the use of without prejudice correspondence in interloc tory applications. A convention had developed which permitted the use of such documents in want of prosecution applications where a aintiff was to be entitled to rely in the without prejudice correspondence to demonstrate either 🖫 conduct or an implied intimation by the defendant showing that he willing for the case to proceed.

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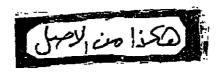
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## Watching the detectives

Anyone - even a criminal - can be a private eye. Robert Verkaik reports on a grey area in the black

'Some do

and white world of the solicitor Tith the disclosure South, set out a statutory of Norman Lamont's credit card details, the spotlight has been cast on some of the shadier work of private detectives. Lawyers use them frequently: and may be unwittingly sanctioning law-

office of the same

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breaking when they employ private detectives whose activi-ties are still outside any licensing or regulatory control.
Whether it's photographing unfaithful spouses or process-

serving hostile defendants, private detectives working for solicitors currently operate in a legal twilight zone.

break the Peter Heims. spokesman for the law; it Association of Private Investigators would be (API) and a private naive to detective since 1953, says: "Some private detectives do break the law; it think otherwise' would be naive to think otherwise. 11-

In other instances their behaviour may be more unscrupulous than illegal. "Recently, solicitors acting for an insurance company instructed an investigator in a personal injury case," Mr Heims says. "He managed to get photographs of the plaintiff blowing up a flat car tyre, despite the fact that the plaintiff said he was

unable to bend his back. 'However, at trial, clever cross-examination revealed that the investigator had let the tyre down in the first place. The judge was so infuriated the plaintiff won the case."

Efforts to curb the excesses of some private detectives crystallised in the cross-party private Security Registration Bill which failed to win a second reading last week in the Commons. During its first reading last July, the bill, introduced by Bruce George, the Labour MP for Walsall

licensing authority that would license and regulate private detectives. But the government, which is opposed to the bill, sees self-regulation as the way forward. Mr George says:
"Self-regulation is a contradic-

tion in terms. There have been cases of illegality in obtaining information, and private detectives snatching kids in matrimonial disputes. It's these shady operations that need to be regulated, for the good of the profession.\*

The life of the private eye is still open to anyone, including criminals. Those private detectives who flagrantly break the law present solicitors, who provide 60 per cent of their business, with an ethical problem. ethical problem. Christopher Bramail, head of the Law Society's ethics department,

legal phone-tap-ping, bribery and theft does go cut examples of law-breaking part one of the Solicitors' Practice Rules should be invoked: "A solicitor must not do anything or allow anything to be done in his name that will damage his name or that of the profession."

On most occasions the private investigator is keen to do a professional and legal job, and will be unaware that he has fallen foul of the law. This creates a more perplexing dilemma for the solicitor.

There are some grey areas," Mr Bramall says. "The wide scope of the Official Secrets Act means that an investigator illegally gathering information from government sources will more often than not be unaware that he has committed an offence. This information may then be passed on to the solicitor, who may be completely oblivious to its significance."

The same problem arises out of other technical breaches



current practice of taking documents and other evidence from people's rubbish bins means that a solicitor who takes control of the stolen property could be guilty of

n these cases, turning a blind eye will not save the solicitor from prosecution. In such a situation solicitors should turn to the Law Society for help. Bronwyn Still, head of the society's guidance department, says: "Solicitors who suspect they are in receipt of improperly obtained information will usually clear their ethical position with us before

doing something that might put them in the soup."

Perhaps pitfalls would be avoided if solicitors knew with whom they were dealing. However, the Law Society does not keep a blacklist of shady detectives: it is left up to the individual solicitors to choose who to instruct.

"I would put private detec-tives on the same level as other experts, such as doctors and surveyors, whom the solicitor may instruct," Mr Bramail says. "Regulation is a matter for the government, not the Law Society

The API strongly supports Mr George's bill and a statutory licensing scheme. "There are some bad apples in the private investigator's barrel but there are one or two bad apple solicitors as well," Mr

Stephen Gilchrist, a partner with Hart Fortgang and a legal consultant to Magnum Investigator International, also backs a licensing scheme, and believes private detectives are "very much under-used.
"A lot of private investiga-

tors provide a high-tech, pro-fessional service," he says "And at the sharp end of the criminal justice system, where personal liberties are at stake. their work can be invaluable. If there was more consistency in legal aid funding then their services would be taken up more frequently."

## When is a couple not a couple?

The status of unmarried partners wanting to adopt is highlighted in the biggest review of the law in years

officials in Manchester have prompted a predictable outcry by recommending that a homosexual couple from Cheshire should be allowed to adopt a child. Ironically, the move comes just as the government is carrying out a full-scale review of adoption law, the first for two decades. But while homosexual couples may be allowed to adopt, the review fails to accept that unmarried heterosexual couples who adopt may have joint

legal responsibility.
Tim Yeo, the health junior minister, allowed just two months — to the end of this year — for public reaction to the report of the Interdepartmental Working Group on

Adoption.

The first tranche of recommendations involve the harmonising of adoption law with the 1989 Children Act. Adoption agencies and courts should have to give para-mount consideration to the child's welfare, and to remember that the latter is likely to be prejudiced by delay.

Similarly, there would be a presumption that it would be better for the child if no order were made at all; and his or her "wishes and feelings". among other things, would have to be considered.

Conventional stuff. But the report is at its most controversial where it recommends no change in particular on the rights of unmarried couples to

Recently, public - or at least press — interest in adoption has focused on the legal eligibility and the personal suitability of adopters. On legal eligibility, the working group approves the existing principle in the Adoption Act 1976 that an order may only be made in favour of a married couple or a single person.

Reasons given for contin-

uing to deny joint eligibility to an unmarried couple include: their lack of legal obligation to each other; the possibility that their extended families might be unwilling to accept the child; the likelihood that marriage signifies a more secure relationship; and - the report's sigh of relief on at last coming up with a good one is almost audible here - that Article 6 (1) of the European Adoption Convention 1992 prohibits such adoptions.

Surely what matters is not the lack of legal responsibility to each other, but to the child of their, howsoever non-marital, family - a responsibility

> An adoption order may only be made in favour of a married couple or a single person

which they can only both owe if the law allows them both to adopt. As the report acknowledges, some agencies assess and prepare unmarried couples together, even though only one partner may become the legal parent.

If this practice is to continue. it cannot be right for the child to have a two-parent social family but a single-parent legal one. And one notes the group's acceptance of homosexual adopters, partnered or not. Why are single homosexual adopters eligible but not heterosexual couples?

The refusal to lay down guidelines for the personal suitability of applicants is equally misguided. The practice is for agencies to operate. for example, their own upper age limits in relation to those who want to adopt, not to put too fine a point on it, healthy white babies. These limits vary from the early to the late thirties. The agencies are, however, prepared to take older people for other child-ren. So the middle-aged are thought good enough for the - harder? - job involved in raising these children, just as they are for procreation itself, or step-parenthood. The usual reality of "stranger adoption" is that the panel makes a choice on the child's behalf from a list of those who satisfy the agency's requirements.

The law and its reformers should not opt out of this central issue. It is not a question of denying discretion to those in charge, but of ensuring they do not limit it.

In fact, the review stresses that government will only take decisions "in the light of public responses", and given the recent publicity afforded to who may and who may not adopt, these omissions may well be rectified at ministerial level. (One hopes that contributions have not been limited to under-employed academics who are notoriously blessed with nothing better to do in

their employers time.)
Happily, the bulk of the proposals involve neither increased public expenditure nor any — other — disadvantage to the child. The grounds on which parental consent may be dispensed with should be reduced to two: the existing one whereby the parent can not be found or is incapable of giving consent, and a new heading under which the court is satisfied that the advantages to the child of becoming part of a new family are so significantly greater than the advantages of any alternative option as to justify overriding the parent's wishes.

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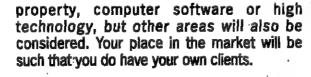
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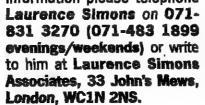
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## Driving ambition moves down from father to son



Graham Hill: charismatic

WHAT an act to have to follow. As Damon Hill prepares for his advance into the mainstream of Formula One motor racing, he will doubtless be mindful of the charisma that surrounded his late father. For Graham Hill's fame came not just from his two world championships and 14 individual grand prix victories, but also from his public performances and, at

times, antics out of the car. The Graham Hill the public saw was the tall and handsome sportsman with the Guards officer moustache, the brilliant afterdinner speaker with a sense of timing that would have done justice to a comedian, and a man with great compassion for the underprivileged and tireless in his involvement in charity.

Whereas his contemporary and great rival, Jim Clark, shrank in horror from any microphone. Graham Hill seemed to be born to it. He was a natural showman and the public loved him for it.

Yet behind this public persona. was a quite different man. He was a grafter with a fearsomely gritty determination to succeed against the odds. Who could forget his unique treble of the Formula One world titles, and victory at both Le Mans and the Indianapolis 500? He graduated to Formula One at the same time as Clark, the natural genius, which made his racing life that much tougher.

Hill had to work for his achievements like few other world champions. Although luck played a part in his first world title, in 1962, he

the highest level. Pace, power and precision are the key words. But the lineout is still

always need big men there,"

- hence, again, the preference for Ojomoh, who offers fur-

ther lineout presence, an ability which could threaten

Robinson's place in Bath's back row next season.

on December 31 and return

on January 5, having named

their team to play France at Twickenham on January 16

on the Sunday of their extend-

ed weekend. They intend to

select from within the 30,

although they will keep in mind two players unable to travel because of work commiments — Dean Richards and Nigel Heslop — both internationals

The young crop includes Paul Challinor, the Harle-

quins stand-off half, described

by Cooke as "on a learning curve". Chris Clark, the prom-

ising Swansea prop, and Darren O'Leary, the Saracens

ring.
The latter two have enjoyed

indeed, both were included

Students development weekend between January 1 and 3 but will now have to forgo the less exotic delights of Bisham

It had been hoped to take a third scrum half, a position where England lack genuine

depth, and a fifth prop, in view

of the heavy senior and A

team programme in the new

year.
The limit was placed at 30

in a year when, according to

Cooke, the primary target is

not the five nations' champ-

ionship but the match with the

touring New Zealanders next

November: "We feel well satis-

fied at the way the team is

beginning to regenerate but

the next few months will be

important in that respect," he

companies.

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divisional championships this month, but have also been seen at student and under-21 representative level;

England leave for Lanzarote

John Blunsden looks back at Graham Hill's fine

career and ahead to his son's burgeoning one

must have been gratified that it example, not only winning the was he rather than the Scot, next two grands prix in Spain and Clark, who became champion after that nail-biting final race in South Africa, where Hill won for BRM after Clark's Lotus had retired from the lead.

Hill's second world title, in 1968, saw him at his very best. The previous year he and Clark had become team partners at Lotus, but Clark's death in a Formula Two race at Hockenheim in April 1968 so shattered Colin Chapman that he came close to disbanding his team. Hill immediately stepped in to lead by

Monaco, but helping to restore the team's sense of purpose through his strength of character.

That inner-strength served him well to the day he died when his plane crashed in November 1975 while he was returning from a test session in France, but at times it could become overpowering. He was intolerant, not of mediocrity, which he could forgive, but of anything less than a 100 per cent effort from those around him.

The bristling moustache provided the warning light of the mood

of the moment, and one grew accustomed to checking with care before engaging him in small talk. His devoted wife, Bette managed it to perfection. Her unswerving support served him well, just as in recent years she has been Damon's most enthusiastic supporter as he has climbed the racing ladder.

Damon Hill has inherited some. but not all, of his father's qualities. Graham would have been proud that his son has secured the second Williams seat the hard way - by doing a brilliant job as a test driver (an activity that Graham always enjoyed) and then having to grit his teeth while others prevaricated. Damon's close rapport with his team's technical staff, which clearanother inherited trait

It may well emerge that he is even quicker than his father was in his heyday, but if he has only half of Graham's tenacity, he will be well served. Graham Hill's refusal to admit defeat was one of his strongest cards and Damon's climb to the top has been characterised by a similar determands b

ination that augurs well.
Only time will tell whether his prowess with the microphone will match his father's, but perhaps it will be as well if it does not. Damon Hill will succeed by being his own man, but it is appropriate, when congratulating him on an achievement well earned, to remember the man who, with every justification, became tagged the ambassador of motor racing: Gra-

Flanker pays heavily for lack of stature

## **Back draws short** straw as England look to the future

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

ENGLAND gave an indicaforward when they named a 30-strong squad for warm weather training in Lanzarote mext month. However, their future seems not to include Neil Back, the Leicester flanker, whose physique counts against him more than ever, given the nature of the game England expect to play. Eng-land have perennially specialised in small open-side flankers, but Peter Winterbottom may be the last of the

"The way the game is going the role of the open side is changing" Geoff Cooke, the team manager, said at Twick-enham. "We are looking slightly differently at the tradi-tional image of the open side in this country." Back was one of the outstanding players on England's B tour of New Zeeland lest entrance but at Zealand last summer but, at

5ft 10in, is deemed too small. Cooke emphasised that the Leicester player was not ruled out of contention for full international honours, but, at

indicate that junior clubs in

England endorse the experi-

mental laws relating to the

ruck, maul and lineout (David

A questionnaire has been

sent to a cross-section of clubs

below national division three,

which will form part of the

RFU's detailed response to the

International Rugby Football

Board on the laws, which are

leased more quickly and that seems to suit them." Don

Rutherford, the RFU techni-

cal director, said. "There is a

major difference in the style of

game played the lower down you go. Higher up the more

forwards and backs get mixed up. That is one of the prob-

lems the lawmakers have. It

may be you need different

They find the ball is re-

for this season only.

Hands writes).

bigger men, allied to speed and handling ability, had to make more of a dynamic

Thus Steve Olomoh, who is not playing regularly in Bath's back row this season, goes to Lanzarote as a potential open side rather than a blind side or No. 8, where he has played most of his senior rugby.
"We have great regard for

the ability of people like Back and Andy Robinson," Cooke said. "Back does some things better than any other player in the country, but we have to ask the world's best.
"I think Back could play for

England in several games and do very well. We are not discarding him, but we are looking at a different way forward. It is very hard on him. He can't change his size. He plays right to the edge of his game and it is unfortunate for him, the way we are viewing it at the moment." Cooke added.

"It is becoming harder for the good little 'un to survive at

play."
The international hoard

hopes to announce at the

annual meeting in April uni-

form laws for under-19 games
— a uniformity which has

chided the senior game,

because of different interpreta-

tions not only between bemi-

spheres but between, for

example, France and

If approved, the same meet-

ing will also ratify the experi-

The RFU expects to refund

£3.6 million before their two

home internationals in the

new year. Applications for tickets to see England play France have brought in £2.9

million and to see Scotland

£2.8 million. But the reduced capacity of 54,400 will limit gate receipts to £1.050,000 for

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Junior clubs add weight

to experimental laws

ANSWERS to a Rugby Foot- laws for different levels of ball Union (RFU) survey play."

In the cold: Back has been left out of England's warm weather training squad

## Scots make break with tradition

By Alan Lorimer

THE Scottish Rugby Union, which hitherto has insisted that the 15-a-side season should finish at the end of April, has fallen into line with the English and Welsh authorities by allowing the final of the Alloa Brewery Cup to be played on May 8 next

The date of the final coincides with the Welsh Rugby Union cup final and the Middlesex sevens at

The Rugby Football Union has agreed a three-year spons-Twickenham. orship worth £500,000 with The Alloa Cup competition Bells Scotch Whisky, who attracted 58 entrants from become one of the RFU's league divisions one to five but it still cannot tempt the Border seven elite sponsoring clubs, whose support of the spring sevens circuit remains

Only a full SRU cup, it seems, would entice the south of Scotland sides. Yesterday, at the Alion Cup draw, Doug Scott, the marketing director for Alloa Breweries, suggested that his company would be interested in supporting such a competition.

Alloa Breweries will be investing £22,500 in the Alloa Cup and the Castlemaine Trophy, which is for clubs in division six and below. The winning dub in the Alloa Cup competition will receive £5,000 with £3,000 going to the runners-up.

The preliminary stages of the competition have already taken place and yesterday the 24 survivors joined the eight seeded clubs from the first division in the draw. Boroughmuir, the holders, are away to Clarkston while Currie, the beaten finalists last

rie, the beaten finalists last: season, emertain Ayr. DRAW. Cume v Ayr. Kriesidy v Kimerhorac West of Scotland v Trinity Academicals: Medicas FF v Dundes High School FP; Glasgow High School FP, Clariceson Academicals v Stewar's Meade FP. Livingston v Preston Lodge FP; Carloston v Beroughmair: String County v Datell High School FP. Livings of Abademicals v Adaptions of Abademicals: Abademicals of Abademicals of Abademicals of Abademicals: Ediphorph Wanderses v Measonmais: Ediphorph Wanderses v Measonmais: Ediphorph Academicals v High Manufactor of File v Pennabelor, Durvanning v Hestol'n FP. Matches to be played by April 10. championship, and Laughton

before the draw for the FA Cup third the Premier League. Southampton,

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BASKETBALL

## Ware Rebels have wish granted in quarter-final draw

WARE Rebels, only the secand club from the second division to knock first division opponents out of the national wanted when the draw for the

"We would like Worthing at home because with all their travelling support we'd fill our place," Roy Birch, Ware's owner, had said after his Rebels had eliminated their travelling ships. Hertfordshire rivals, the Hemel Hempstead Royals, on Saturday. And Worthing Bears, it is, who will visit Ware's Wodson Park Sport Centre on January 9 in the only the featuring a second division club.

Birch, the former coach to the England women's team, was a player in 1969 on the only previous occasion that Ware had reached the last eight but the club was known

then as Turnford Tigers. Ware's 96-93 win at Hemel Hempstead had looked unlikely when they were on the receiving end of a 22-5 burst in the last six minutes of the first half, having led 33-25. Itwas then that Steve Darlow overcame the inhibitions of the first half, in which he had contributed only five

scored 26 points overall. Ware's triumph gave them the distinction, along with Bury Lobo's, of knocking out a first division chib. Last year Bury's victims were London Towers and the year before it was Leicester Riders, who survived 93-88 against tricky second division opponents, Doneaster, this time. Doneaster, unbeaten in the league. were level at 66-66 with eight minutes to go before going down 93-88

Leicester face a difficult visit to Derby Bucks, 92-84 winners against Oldham Celtics. Manchester Giants' reward for a surprisingly comfortable 82-73 win at Birmingham holders, Guildford Kings.

In the Carisberg second division, Russ Saunders (25 points) became the all-time top scorer in the National League point in Crystal Palace's 85-64 win against Barnsley at the National Sports Centre. It took him past Jerry Jenkins' record of 5.265 points.

#### RUGBY LEAGUE

## Schofield's Australian venture ruled offside

THE deepening crisis at Headingley has been a significant factor in the decision by the board of directors of Leeds to prevent a move by Garry Schofield, the Great Britain captain, to the Sydney club, Manly-Warringah, next summer (Christopher Irvine

Doug Laughton, the Leeds coach, who asked for the deal to be blocked, said yesterday: "If we were winning the league and cups, maybe it would be different. But we're not." Laughton is adamant that no member of his squad will be plying his trade else-

where during the off season. Some expensive reputations are fading fast at Leeds, who have dropped into the bottom three of the Stones Bitter is coming under increasing pressure to reverse the trend, despite a lengthening injury "The spirit is still good, the

spectators are quite phenomenal but things have been rearing up at us since January," Laughton said. "There is some panic, sure, but the players and myself are fighting it together.

☐ The St Helens winger Anthony Sullivan faces a lengthy lay-off because of groin, leg and ankle injuries sustained during Wales's win against France on Sunday. ☐ The Parliamentary Rugby

League group is to question Yorkshire Television about its decision to drop all coverage of this season following the acquisition of the rights for the championship by BSkyB. CORSESSED DE LA CORSESSE DEL CORSESSE DE LA CORSESSE DEL CORSESSE DE LA CORSESSE

Villa at Maine Road. Do not be

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#### Answers from page 36

**CROQUIS** (b) A rough draft, a sketch or study, from the French; Compton Mackenzie: "So Ronnie sat there, making little croquis of Jenny with soft outlines clusive as herself." "He sent her this copy containing his comical little croquis."

(b) German for, literally, a rock-sea, an expanse of angular frost-riven rocks which may develop on flat terrain in arctic and alpine climates, a boulder field: "It is common to find at high altitudes accumulations of riven rocks known as felsenmeere. These boulder fields attest to the rapidity of the weathering processes at high

(b) Fatty, the epithet of organic compounds having an open-chain structure, from the Greek aleiphar, aleiphater unguent, fat: "The saturated alcohols yielding the saturated monobasic fatty acids, or acids of the aliphatic series, as they are termed."

(a) The short first sura of the Koran, used by Moslems as a prayer, from the Arabic fitthal, an opening; 1821: "Some one of Mukm's men cries out 'The Fatikal' (or first chapter of the Koran), every one joining in that prayer." "We sometimes met people on our read, who invariably on parting recited the Fatika."

#### SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

The white knight leaps in and forks everything with 1 Nf6! Now: If 1 ... Nch4 2 Rxh7 mate. If 1 ... Rhxg7 2 hxg7++ Kxg7 3 Qh7+ followed by 4 Qxg8+ and 5 Nxd7. If 1 ... Rgxg7 2 hxg7+ followed by 3 Qxh7+ and 4 Nxd7.

mail, three sets of forecasts are included in The Times pools guide today. Collectors from Littlewoods and Zetters will this week require the coupous of December 19, December 26 and January 2, while

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1 Northwich v Fanborough
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Ousen of the South; Inverness v Benwick; Gale v
Arbroeth, Stenhousemuir v
Forfar; Vate of Leithen v
East Stirling

of teams on the January 2 coupon.
This is because it had to be printed 2 Yeard v Bromsgrove HPS LOANS LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

the list of teams today with their corresponding pools numbers. Two of the best treble chance suffered three consecutive defeats, selections this week can be found in can stop the rot by holding Aston SECOND DOVISION 2 Electroni v Emploro C PREMIER LEAGUE

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round was made. The draw now having been completed, we publish

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Portsmouth, Bournemouth, Port Vale, West Brom, Cardiff, Burton, Cetic, St. Johnstone, Kamernock. FDED OODS: Homes: Cheises, Leicester, Portsmouth, Port Vale, Burton, Averys Aston Ville, Manchester United, Aberdeen Draws: Luton, Rochdale, Torquey United.

### FA CUP THIRD ROUND 1 X A Villa v Bostol R

who have scored only seven goals away, visit Everton, who have scored

only six at home - an ideal recipe for

stalemate. Manchester City. having

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GM VALXHALL CONFERENCE 20 2 Boston v Dagenham 21 1 Gelisshead v Stafford 22 1 Kesterig v Tellord 23 1 Marthyr v Kofminster 24 X Puncom v Altrincham 25 1 Staffo ge v Northwich 26 1 Wilson v Macclesfield

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## Impressive Cab On Target stands by for Ascot switch

By PHIL MCLENNAN

The state of the same of the

SOUTHERN racegoers could have their first chance to see rising northern star Cab On Target running over fences on a mouth-watering pro-

gramme at Ascot on Saturday. Mary Reveley has entered her exciting prospect for the grade two Rovacabin Noel Novices' Chase and may switch the six-year-old from Kempton on Boxing Day.
After beating Dusty Miller

by ten lengths at Doncaster on Saturday, the Salthurn trainer pencilled in the grade one Tripleprint Feltham Novices' Chase at the Sunbury track as his next objective.

"I'm a hit worried about the prospect of three miles on soft ground at Kempton," Reveley said. "He's come out of last Saturday's race very well and

week before we make a definite decision."

Only ten have been entered for the grade two Ascot race and Cab On Target's most serious rival ori paper would be Dawson City, who may stay in the north for the £23,000 grade one Northumberland Gold Cup at Newcastle the same afternoon.

With Peter Niven injured and Lorcan Wyer, who deputised for him at Doncaster, likely to ride Dawson City. Cab On Target could have his third different jockey in as many races if he comes south.

"I was rather hoping Dawson City would go to New castle and Lorean would be at Ascot to ride Burgoyne anyway," Reveley added. "Then he could ride Cab On Target

Burgoyne heads the ten acceptors for the Youngmans Long Walk Hurdle where he is likely to renew Newbury rivalry with Tyrone Bridge.

 Other probable runners are Muse, conqueror of Morley Street last time, the Irishtrained Shuil Ar Aghaidh and Francois . Doumen's True

Doumen has taken Ucello Il dut of the day's feature race, the SGB Chase, but with the other joint top-weight, Cool Ground, a probable starter, the weights would not rise. leaving eight of the 13 accep-tors, including the fancied trio of Gambling Royal, Country Member and Parsons Green, out of the handicap.

A surprise acceptor is Pipe's Rehearsal Chase disappoint-ment Miinnehoma, who had been expected to go for the

and a director of Kelso,

1987 Grand National.

Straker owned The Tsarevich,

Davies, managing director of GNI Ltd, the largest fu-

tures broker in Europe, re-

tired last year after 20 years

riding in point-to-points and hunter chases. He rode over

60 winners, all on his own

horses, and was twice leading

rider in the south-east. He is a steward at Plumpton and Lingfield, Whittle is chairman of

Haydock and is the third

generation of his family to be

on the board. For the past six

years he has been a director of

the Racecourse Association.

Rausing is Swedish-born and has bred winners of 420

races since 1967, including

Petoski and Kala Dancer: As

well as her family's Simon-torp Stud in Sweden, Miss

Rausing owns the Lanwades

and St Simon Studs in New-

market and Staffordstown

Stud in co. Meath.

who was runner-up in the

King George VI Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day Ladbrokes, Hills and Corals have decided not to open a book until Saturday.

The progressive Baydon Star heads the nine acceptors for the HSS Hire Shops Hurdle where Flown, tenlength conqueror of Halkopous at Chehenham in March, is among his rivals.

#### Fall in Derby yearling entry

to affect racing.
There are 553 yearling entries for the classic in 18 months time. Last year, the first time the yearling entry stage came into force, the

"I believe that holding our

Under the old entry scheme Derby entries steadily de-chined from 208 in 1987 to

Halkopous was backed from 7-1 to 6-1 for the

Champion Hurdle with Ladbrokes yesterday at which price he shares favouritism with Baydon Star's stable companion, Mighty Mogul. COMPARTION, MITSTRY MODGIL.
SGB CHASE ACCEPTORS Handbag:
22,451: 3m 110yd; Cool Ground 10-1110, Mennehoma 5-10-8, Romeny King 8-107, Kiddino 12-10-5 (see), Captain Dibble 710-1, Gambing Royal 9-9-12 (see), Roulandsom Jevela 11-9-10 (see), Mulliam InParva 9-9-7, Zata's 1-36-9-8, Kerjalor Reference 10-9-3, Country Member 7-9-1
See), Pursone Green 8-8-2 (see), Southerlybusier 9-9-0.

ENTRIES for the 1994 Derby are down on the previous year as the recession continues

number was 634.

Tim Neligan, managing di-rector of United Racecourses, owners of Epsom, said: "This is a satisfactory number bearing in mind the downturn in the economy and the fall in the pool of horses from which our entries come.

entry fee to £200 per yearling and keeping the total cost of running in the Derby un-changed in four years has helped a great deal."

118 in 1991.

A second entry option for the race on March 2, 1994. designed for later-maturing horses, costs £10,000.

## Buddington to collect again in Folkestone stamina test

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

today's distance of three-and-

Since Rio Haina is also

trained by Forster, it is highly

significant that he has not

been deterred from taking

Boraceva at Wincanton in his

only race this season, is also

trained at Upper Lambourn

by Oliver Sherwood. However

his stable has been under a

cloud of late and until it shows

a return to form, a watching

know whether the soft palate

operation carried out on Rich-

ard Rowe's useful seven-year-

old Moze Tidy has been a

121 by Very Very Ordinary at

Towester last time, and Gladtogetic, who was runner-

up to Le Chat Noir on today's

track last time out, are both

capable of winning a race of

But at today's weights, I

much prefer Buddington, who

Sprucer, who was beaten

Likewise, we still need to

brief is advisable.

SUCCESS.

this nature.

is my nap.

Bonsai Bud on again.

a-quarter miles.

BUDDINGTON has a fine chance of winning today's Heathfield Handicap Chase at Folkestone where he will relish the prevailing soft ground.

Trained at Letcombe Bassett by Tim Forster, Buddington is said by his experienced handler to be a horse who is genuinely a stone better on really soft ground.

The seven-year-old had Stately Lover, who finished third behind Esha Ness and those conditions at Uttoxeter last spring when he won a novice chase and the going was to his liking again at Newton Abbot last month when he collected again.
On that occasion.

Buddington responded well to an excellent ride from Forster's conditional jockey, Rodney Farrant. His 5lb allowance could well prove the crucial factor

today in the closing stages of this long-distance contest as Buddington carries only 10st Top weight is carried by Bonsai Bud whose recent vic-tories at Kempton and Warwick have signalled a return to form of his trainer David

Lambourn yard. Last time out, Bonsai Bud gave Rio Haina 8lb and a twoand-a-half length beating over

12.00 Girl Next Door. 12.30 Tempering. 1.00 Master Sinclair. 1.30 Iofite. 2.00 Appledom. 2.30 Johnston's Express. 3.00 Island Blade, 3.30 Abbey Strand,

12.00 Golden Kleir, 12.30 Bellarina Bay, 1.00 Mister Bleke, 1.30 Bright Gern, 2.00 Appledom, 2.30 John-ston's Express. 3.00 Island Blede. 3.30 Abbey Strand.

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10-1 nap

Thunderer found a big-priced

nap yesterday when Ludlow

winner Ribovino went in at

Ticewick (2011) 100 cm 1, Kisu Kau (J. Kavaragh, 10-1); 2, Jim Valentine (N. Wilsenson, 2-1 tan); 3, Dont Tell The Wilse (A. Migurio, 9-4); ALSO RAN: 11-2 Fintal Bay (I), 7 Passo Alfenta (Sh), 8 Southend (Imited (4th), 20 Benjamin Lancaster (pu), 25 Balantays Gift (pu), 33 Time Module (pu), Free Expression (pu), 10 ran. 2, 16, 10(, 2). J Fitch-Heyest at Lewes. Tota: \$10.30; \$2,10, \$7.80, \$110, Per 255,90, \$25; \$2,10, \$7.80, \$110, Per 255,90, \$25; \$2,11, \$1.80, \$1.90

£1.10, DF: £25.90, CSF: £31.14, Tricast: £56.76.

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MANDARIN

THUNDERER

**GOING: STANDARD** 

DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

(Div I; 2-Y-0: £2,343: 7f) (9 numers)

12.00 COVERDALE CLAIMING STAKES

Murray-Smith's Upper

Early Man, who won by five lengths on his seasonal debut at the last meeting on the East Kent course, should go well again in the Dover National Hunt Novices Hurdle.

But I prefer Croft Mill, who has a soft-ground pedigree since he is by Furry Glen out of a mare by Ballymore.

After winning well at Windsor, Croft Mill looked unlucky not to prevail again at Nottingham where a stumble on landing over the last hurdle appeared to cost him the race. Red Jack and Boogie Bopper, the two winners in the

field for the Stanford Novices'

Hurdle, have only won sellers. In the circumstances, it may well pay to consider some of the recruits from the Flat, most notably Thinking Twice, who won on the track in March for Peter Harris, and Second Call, successful in soft ground at Wolverhampton and

Chepstow for Henry Candy. Sold for 13,000 and 18,000 guineas respectively, they are now trained by Nicky Hender-son and Guy Harwood. Second Call is my choice this

At Southwell, Iolite (1.30) and Island Blade (3.00), already successful on the Fibresand track, are taken to win again.

1.30 CLASSIC CAR WEEKLY CELEBRATION NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0; £2,364; 5)) (11)

11-4 Joilee, 7-2 Bright Gern, 4-1 Cornet Webspool, 5-1 Mildu Neo Noo, 8-1 Jacks Johns, 16-1 Pat Poundesires, 12-1 Well Tried, 14-1 others.

5-4 Application, 4-1 Sertation, 1arty, 5-1 Miles Calcutate, 6-1 Serrations, 8-1 Traphiles Cornel, 16-1 Serrations, 12-1 Januaria, 14-1 Evald, 16-1 offices,

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3.00 WINDERMERE HANDICAP

3.30 LEVY BOARD MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0; £2,301: 1m) (6)

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11-10 Abbay Stand, 5-2 Gold Blade, 4-1 Tacil Mac, 8-1 Maryilli Madam, 14-1 Belline In Ma, 20-1 Our May in Haves.

Aquilifer injured

MARTIN Pipe's long-serving stayer, Aquilifer, is injured will miss the Coral Welsh National on December 28. "He has a problem with a

knee, and the vet is taking a look at him," said Pipe, who still has six left in the Chepstow race

- Bonanza Boy, Run For Free, Rushing Wild, Miinnehoma, Chatam and Cushinstown.

(£2,427: 1m 6f) (11)

2.30 GARSDALE HANDICAP (\$2,427: 50) (10)

2.00 LITTONDALE CLAIMING STAKES

**AMERICAN FOOTBALL** 

## Redskins perk up in the nick of time

By Robert Kirley

THE Washington Redskins. moribund a few weeks ago, beat the Dallas Cowboys, one of the hottest teams in the National Football League, 20-17 on Sunday, as the only clubs to secure play-off positions did so off the field.

Washington's victory involved a critical call when Troy Aikman, of Dallas, apparently trying to pass, lost the ball in the end zone. The play was ruled a fumble instead of an incomplete pass and yielded the winning score when Danny Copeland recovered.

The Buffalo Bills earned their fifth successive play-off appearance when the Cleveland Browns were upset by the Detroit Lions. The Pittsburgh Steelers also lost, but they became the first club to clinch a division title when the Green Bay Packers won their fifth successive game by defeating the Houston Oilers 16-14.

The Cowboys and the Minnesota Vikings squandered chances to win their divisions. The San Francisco 49ers, New Orleans Saints, San Diego Chargers, Kansas City Chiefs and Philadelphia Eagles advanced towards postseason competition, Philadelphia doing so by avoiding what would have been the first

What Would have been the hist tie in three seasons. RESULTS: Wask 15: Alianta 35, Tampa Bay 7: Daholt 24, Cleveland 14: Indianap-olis 10, NV Jess 8: Kensas City 27, Now England 20, Chicago 30, Pfesburgh 6: San Francisco 20, Minnesota 17, San Diego 27, Chicingab 10: New Orleans 37. LA Rama 14: Philadelphia 20, Seattle 17 (OT), Washington 20, Datles 17: Green Bay 18, Houston 14.



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FRCTURES: Week 18: Salurday: Kanses
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Diego at LA Raiders: Seattle at Denver;
Washington at Philadelphia; Ny Jats at
Mismi. Monday: Dallas at Allana. ICE HOCKEY

## **Devils show** no sign of flagging

CARDIFF Devils showed their professionalism by not allowing any celebrations fol-lowing Saturday's Benson and Hedges Cup final win against Whitley Warriors to divert them from their next objective winning the premier divi-sion of the Heineken League (Norman de Mesquita writes). On Sunday they registered a comfortable 8-3 victory over

Bracknell Bees to make it 14 league and Cup games without defeat.

Whitley Warriors, on the

same day, gained their fourth win over Durham Wasps in a month.

soundly beaten 16-5 by Fife Flyers and lost their leading British defenceman, Mark Pallister, who was ejected for "abuse of an official". They also lost Jeff Lindsay with a suspected broken jaw.

SUSPECIED Droken jaw.

RESULTS: Benson and Hedges Cup: Final: Cardiff Devis 10, Whitley Warrors 4. Autumn Trophy: Final: Million Keynes Kings 9, Solinuli Barons 4. Helinelen Leegue: Premier division: File Flyers 16, Billingham Bombers 5; Cardiff Devis 8, Bracinali Bases 2; Durham Wasps 5, Whitley Warriors 6; Murrayfield Racers 12, Humberside Seethewis 3; Norwich and Peterborough Pirales 14, Billingham Bombers 4; Notthigham Partitions 6, File Flyers 5, First division: Basingstoke Beavers 8, Medway Beers 3; Tellord Tigers 9, Swindon Wildcass 9; Milton Keynes Kings 8, Tellord Tigers 4; Romford Raiders 13, Lee Valley Lons 8; Sheffield Steelers 3, Sough Jets 3.



## anted in Salman elected to Jockey Club

final drap PRINCE Fahd Salman, a leading Flat owner, was yesterday elected an honorary

member of the Jockey Club. Salman, the owner of last year's dual Derby and King George wirmer Generous, has had a long involvement in British racing and achieved more than 50 winners for the first time this year.

Last week, at the Gimcrack speech, he spoke out on the poor state of facilities at British racecourses. He also advocated a Euro-

pean Breeders' Cup, to be held in the summer, based on the same lines as the highly successful American version in the autumn. Anthony Mildmay-White was appointed a steward and

disciplinary committee from Sir Piers Bengough on January 1. Four new members of the Jockey Club are Ivan Straker, Mark Davies, William Whit-tle and Kirsten Rausing.



Straket, chief executive of Sengram Distillers, is well known for promoting his company's involvement in Aintree racecourse, including from 1984 the sponsorship of the Grand National, now under the flagship of Martell. Chairman of Ayr racecourse.



Whittle chairman of Haydock Park

THUNDERER MANDARIN 12.15 Eastern Magic. 12.45 Second Call. 12.15 Gallert Effort. 12.45 Thinking Twice, 1.15 Mick's Tycoon. 1.15 Mick's Tyccoon. 1.46 Mighty Froilc. 1.45 Letterfore. 2.15 BUDDINGTON (nup).

2.45 Secret Rite. 3.15 EARLY MAN (nap). 3.15 Croft Mill. RICHARD EVANS: 2.15 BONSAI BUD (nep). 2.45 Secret Fite. 3.15

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.15 SPRUCER.

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12.15 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,322: 2m 1f 110yd) (6 runners) 1 4-52310 GALLANT EFFORT 23 (5) (T Vane) S Dow 4-11-10 H Devise 2 2221/ OSTURA 664 (5) (Chellont-St-Giles Festbers Perinarchie) J White 7-11-9 D Signine - 3 12-2222 EASTERDS MARKE 13 (1) Single J Amburst 4-11-8 A Magnine 2 4 034213 EALALIS (ETICHE 205F (5) (M Commert R Price 4-11-1 J Cellorum 97 5 DAUGHS 17-11-11 (PRICE 205F (5) (M Commert R Price 4-11-1 S GROSS THUMOOL 19 (E Note) R Rosse 4-10-0 RR-C Success-Weeks (7) 94 6 0-03340 JONER JACK 13 (R Dann) B Dann 7-10-0 R Price (5) 55

Long handleser, John Jack 9-6. BETTING: 13-8 Eastern Magic, 7-2 Thebook, 4-1 Saillant Ellion, 11-2 Zheloun Killen, 16-1 Cabus, 25-1 John Juck. 1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

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12.45 STANFORD NOVICES HURDLE

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CHILD OF THE MIST 11 Zins of 17 to Victor Bravo
in Singless (2m 61, good) novice Bardie in April.

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.45 TATTERSALLS MARES ONLY NOVICES CHASE Dualifier: \$2,444; 2m 5f) (8 numers)

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| 4 SOF AMERIY FROUC 29 (M Price) M McCommack 5-10-10 |
| 5 1441-38 | MORSTOCK 28 (EF.F.6) (H Open 5-10-10 |
| 6 Price 7-6 STOKE MADRES 22 (E.S) (Alsa S Openina) R Towns 8-10-10 |
| 7 ST109 CLPP OLPP DROT (F.S.) (E Brooken) R Rows 8-10-10 |
| 8 22-8240 | THAMESDOWN TOOTSE 11 (E.S.) (J O'Decent) A Jone 7-10-10 | SETTING: 3-1 Monatock, 7-2 Milythy Froic, 9-2 Stephi Clockl, 11-2 Lave On The Rocks, 13-2 Day Dram,

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MORSTOCK SI 3rd of 13 to Baladya in Windsor   Salection: THAMESDOWN TOOTISE
2.15 HEATHFIELD HANDICAP CHASE (£2,448: 3m 2f) (10 numbers)
1 5-029-11 DOMEAN BUD 28 (D.G.S) (*) De Winde) D Marray-Saide 9-12-0

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•	2.43 SHADDOXHURST CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP	CHASE	
-	1 4FPP-64 DEVIL'S VALLEY 10 (B.S) (bits A Sebamini) R Parer 9-12-0 2 392-672 SECRET RTTE 22 (B.S) (bits C Zelm) J Gillod 9-10-5 3 0-29-82 GRESHAME 20 (c) C Farma) May L Cay 6-10-0 4 FFPS-FP CLOBALACIGNE 36 (L Bibart) 8 Shorms 17-10-0 5 32-5 MENDARYA 22 (R Ludge) R Ludger 11-10-0	M Houston	8
	6 45-225 (CLUIC CHARC) 25 (5) (C Wall) G Critical 8-19-0.  Long leasting: Greenwise 9-11, Churroccopus 9-0, Menadares 9-9, Chilic Chiross 9-9.		
	BETTING: 5-4 Secret Rins, 3-1 Greatwine, 5-1 Caleb Chimes, 11-2 Dent's Valley, 50-1 Combination.  1991: BMSSE-H 6-11-0 A Maguin (6-4 las) F Maguin 7 can	20-1 Meandar	*
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14 LOVE ON THE ROCKS 18 (S) (Max K Ownson) II Price 7-11-1	HANDICAP (£2,595: 1m) (16)
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A 211/1 3rd of 16 to Record Cases in Ferry Buby in Hostington (Sm 41, soft) bandicup or 41, pood) novice chase in February. I handle Earlier 46 2nd of 7 to Bellyroe Lady in	15 0030 BUZZARDS CREST BJ (5) Bob Janes 7-9-11
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9 3rd of 13 to Baladiya in Windsor   Salection: THYANESDOWN TOUTISE	9-2 Tempering, 5-1 Belleving Bay, 17-2 Guestimaters, 8-1 Bill Moon, 8-1 Notby
	Barrate, Martineri Coraquisto, 10-1 Buzzards Creal, Crepi Oni., 12-1 others.

CEME 'S VALLEY 36 4th of 7 to Top Joseph In Chester (Cro., heavy) armiteur riches' handlesp burdle.

SERRET RITE 13/1 2nd of 8 to Pember Phury in Processing Case, heavy) handlesp classe on patient particips channel for 2s, soft, GRESHAMME.

151 2nd of 9 to Old Read to Phampton (2m., soft)

3.15 BOYER MATIONAL HUNT HOVICES HURDLE (£1,302: 2m 6f 110yd) (11 runners)

SETTING: 11-19 Cred MIL, 2-1 Burly Man, 8-1 May-Day-Boby, 19-1 Secretal Velocity 12-1 Weeshad Casale, 18-7 colors. 1901: 000,000 MOSS 6-10-13 A Magnite (5-2 ji-lor) J Filich-Hoyes 14 mm

CROFT MILL 11 2nd of 13 to the Mrs le Holling-hym (2m S 110yd, pond to soil) novice hurdle.

EAFLY MAN best Sourcesteding SI in 8-parter novice hardle over course and distance (poll) with high parter of 2018 at LINCOLN ARM IN ARM (6b) better of 2018 at LINCOLN Boy in Collect for Toronsiar (2m S, soil) novice hardle course and distance (poll) with hardle (1mm) and (5b) better of 3218 at LINCOLN Boy in Collect for Toronsiar (2m S, soil) novice hardle (2m 4, hamp) novice hardle

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12.45 (2m 6f Indie) 1, VADO VIA (Mr T Janis, 8-1); 2, Passed Pann (Mr N Moors, 2-1 j-tsn/); 3, Top Javelin (Mr N Herris, 2-1 j-tsn/); 3, Milliany Express (6th), 66 Carswell's Choice (6th), 7 sen, 2, 2, 2, 0, dist, 1, D Wintle at Westbury-on-Sevenn, Tota: 25,80; 22,60, 21,50, DF: 27,80, CSF: 222,78.

1.15 (2m Si ch) 1, FIT FOR FIRING (P Holley, 5-8 lav); 2, (Indight Oil J Osborne, 7-1); 3, Faltinia (Star (P Scudiemore, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Strein Jay (4th), 50 Cleasey Boy (5th), 100 Wimblebell (pul), 6 ran, 3, 7, 20, 5, D Essenth at Whilsbury. Tota: 51,90; 51,20, 51,70, DF: 23,80.

1.45 (2m 1f hole) 1, FEARSOME (Mr D Salter, 7-1); 2, Prince Valiny (S Fox, 17-2); 3, Domne's Tolsen (Mr J L Llewellyn, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 7-4 tav Predessine (4th), 9-2 Adaine, 13-2 Clare Lad (5th), 12 Forcetto (6th), 25 Fingyboy (pul), Bosworth Bay (pul), 33 Wichield Lad, 10 ran, 10, 6, 11, 8, 41, Mr J Wonracott at Tavistock, Tota: 59,60; 62,80, 62,80, 61,70, DF: 536,80, CSF: 281,06. Thicast: 5373,46. No bid.

2,15 (3m 2) 110yd ch) 1, MiR DYNAMIC (W Marston, 33-1); 2, Frether Dowling (A Magurle, 7-4 ji-law Winsel Propose (f), 15-2 Rethrence (f), 11 Troubactour Boy (bd), 12 Aperacios (f), 14 Judys Line (bd), 8 rah, 3, dist. D Deacon at Chellerhem. Tota: 225,00; 52,84,90.

224.12 Tricest: £235.86.
3.15 (2m 1f hds) 7, VIAGGTO (G Bradley, 4-1); 2, Angelo's Double (B Powell, 2-1 fev); 3, Treveylor (B Cifflord, 6-1), ALSO RAN: 4 Just (6th), 8 Suste of Affeirs (4th), 14 Daves Delight, Polish Rider, 25 Sheetrificals (pu), 33 Penny Holme (pu), Kouloura (5th), 50 Redolyffe, 66 Lash Jay (pu), Pirate of Percente (pu), Ramsey Street, 14 fen, Hd, 15, 151, 161, 161, 11, Aksiturat at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £5.80; £1.50, £1.40, £2.30. DF: £3.80, CSF: £12.43. Placepot: £38.30.

Ludlow Going: good to soft (good patches) Going: good to soft (good patches)
12.30 (2m hdie) 1, OATR REGRIETS (M
Richards, 3-1); 2, Munka (Peter Hobbs, 54 tav); 3, Taliand Stream (R Farrant, 50-1).
ALSC RAN: 8 Southarty (cale, 12 Herlin
(6th), 20 Fourth in Line (5h), 25 Sylvie
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12, 384, 21, 23, 44, Mays R Knight at
Wantage, Tota: \$2,50; \$1,20, \$1,30, \$5,10.
DF: \$4,60, CSF: \$2,34,

DF: £4.60. CSF: £8.34.

1.00 (2m Sf 110yd hdia) 1, RBBOVINO (D Loshy, 10-1; Thunderer's nap); 2, Dabt of Honor (D Bridgwater, 4-1 j-lav); 3, Bundle of Luck (D Hobbs, 10-1), ALSO RAN: 4-1 j-lav Peak Royais, 9 Belgenei (4th), 10 Teminius, Silver Strings (5th), 12 Noble Bid, Marandi Special, 14 Expound (pul, 25 Frank Dels (8th), 50 My Son John, 100 Rough Cut, Lotd Trilby, 14 ran, NR: Chamois Boy, M, 3Nt, 15, ni, NL P Jones at Mariborough, Tota: 27.50; £2.00, £1.50, £3.70 DF: £8.00. CSF: £44.48, Tricest: £374.30.

2374.30.

1.30 (2m ch) 1. DERAB (M Richards, 7-4):
2. Lucky Again (S MoNell, 16-1): 3.
Addington Bell (D Lashy, 16-1). ALSO
RAN: Evens tav Billy Baringata, 16 Cobo
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2.00 (2m hdel) 1, STAR OF THE GLEN (M Phmin, 13-8 keyl; 2, Gream And Green (D J Moffett, 9-1); 3, Crazy Horse Denoer (J Lodder, 33-1), ALSO RAN: 9-4 Early Bresze (Sth), 7 Rusty Roc. 12 Peek District (I), 14 Bickermen (4th), 33 Jane's Desight, 85 Lucky Blue (Sth), Comarect. 10 ran. 10, 5, 34, 7, nt. Mrs. J Phmen at Upper Lambourn. Tote: 22-40; 21:30, 21:30, 25:50. DF: 65:70. CSF: \$15:33, Tricast: 2305.54.

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## Oxygen treatment is used to hasten Atkinson's recovery

DALIAN Atkinson has been acting as a guinea pig for an experimental method of treating injuries in an attempt to return to the Aston Villa team for tonight's Coca-Cola Cup replay against ipswich, one of his former clubs, at Portman

Villa are ready to invest £25,000 in the "recovery machine" which Atkinson has been testing for the past two days, if it proves a success.

The Hyperbaric Therapy Unit is a depressurised cabin resembling a bubble-car. At-kinson, Villa's leading scorer, has been inside it, breathing pure oxygen, hoping to speed his recovery from the stomach strain which kept him out of last Saturday's 2-1 home vic-tory over Nottingham Forest. "If Dalian does make it in

time, part of his recovery will be down to the unit," Ron Atkinson, the Villa manager, does the job I'll buy it myself if

has spent four one-hour sessions in the unit and is now given a realistic chance of returning to the attack. "The basic principle is that

pure oxygen gets into the blood and thus speeds up the healing process," Jim Walker, Villa's physiotherapist, said.
"It is not claimed to be a miracle-machine. But what it can do is quicken the recovery

Atkinson, who has 13 goals this season, made one for his forward partner, Dean Saunders, and scored the other when the teams drew 2-2 at Villa Park a fortnight ago. He described the treatment as "a bit like being in an aeroplane. My ears have been popping and it feels like I have water in them. But my injury has certainly felt better since I have been in there."

Since joining Villa from the Spanish club, Real Sociedad, for a then club-record £1.6 million last season. Atkinson has made a habit of scoring

## Earle is a probable target for Dalglish

BLACKBURN Rovers' defeat by Liverpool at Anfield on Sunday, their second successive reverse in the Pre-mier League, is likely to prompt Kenny Dalglish, their manager, to move back into the transfer market in which he has already spent £10 million since moving to Ewood Park 18 months ago (Ian Ross writes).

He is to make an official approach to Wimbledon for Robbie Earle, the midfield player who cost the London dub £775,000 from Port Vale in July 1991. Although Dalglish is willing to offer around £1.5 million, Wimbledon's valuation of the player is

thought to exceed £2 million. Howard Kendall, the man-

THEY may be little-known

north of the equator, they may

have only a fraction of the

resources available to the

acquisative, ambitious giants

in Europe, but São Paolo are

The holders of the

Libertadores Cup, South America's premier club com-

petition, earned the title on

Sunday with a 2-1 defeat of

Barcelona, the European

champions, in Tokyo. More to

the point, they won the Toyota

the world club champions.

changes — possibly sweeping changes — for tomorrow night's Coca-Cola League Cup fourth round replay against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge.

Kendall described as "unacceptable" his team's performance in the 1-0 defeat by Sheffield United at Bramall Lane. "The players are letting themselves down and are letting down everyone else connected with the chib," he said.

"If they are only going to produce their best in the glamour games and don't pick up on the importance of matches against the Wimbledons and Sheffield Uniteds of this world, they will find that they will not be considered when the big games come

São Paulo revive fond memories

four games against Sheffield Wednesday and Ipswich he has found the net five times, including the only goal in Villa's 1-1 draw at Portman Road on the opening day of

Graham Taylor, the England manager, saw his two splendidly taken goals at Hillsborough ten days ago, which are believed to have elevated him towards international recognition. "If he con-tinues to play as well as he has done for us, and there is still more to come, I am sure he will earn the chance of some sort of international call," Ron Atkinson said.

Villa were frustrated by a close-marking, well-organised defence at Villa Park, when Ipswich demonstrated why they are such accomplished

They were also stunned by two goals from Chris Kiwomya, a close friend of Atkinson from his days at Portman Road. Kiwomya, who had influenza, missed Saturday's 3-1 success over Manchester City, a game in which Ipswich came from a goal down to preserve their unbeaten home record, but is expected to return tonight, as is midfield player Chris Wil-liams, who has been troubled by a thigh strain.

Kiwomya's return will probably mean that the Bulgarian international, Bontcho Guentchev, who made his debut on Saturday, will revert to a place on the substitutes'

Villa are expecting Ipswich to play a more open, attacking game on their own ground, a strategy which they believe could work in their favour.

A victory for Villa would give them a crowded home programe at the turn of the year with three successive home games in different competitions in nine days -Arsenal (Premier League, December 28), Bristol Rovers (FA Cup, January 2) and Sheffield Wednesday (Coca-Cola Cup

## Cleaning up: Bowe consigns the WBC heavyweight championship belt to the bin in London yesterday Bowe talks trash on Lewis challenge Srikumar Sen encounters a pantomime of

ennox Lewis's hopes of challenging Riddick Bowe, for the IBF (International Boxing Federation), WBA (World Boxing Association) and WBC (World Boxing Council) titles, were consigned both figuratively and literally to the WPB (waste paper basket), or as the used because the paper basket). the world heavyweight champion's manager, Rock Newman, would put it, to the mash can".

Newman, having successfully run the gauntlet of a pantomime of two men in chicken costumes and a clutch of placards proclaiming "Chicken Bowe", oustide the St James Court Hotel, London, called for a garbage can and, with unconcealed contempt, dumped the green and gold WBC belt in it and said Bowe would never again box for it.

Bowe and Newman, who had been flown out by the BBC to present the awards for the Sports Personality of the Year on Sunday night, called a news conference yesterday to make it clear that. as Lewis's pegotiators had turned down a \$3 million offer, Bowe would not be defending against Lewis in April, as ordered by the WBC.

Indeed, it was unlikely that

chicken suits and sanitary gestures as the

world heavyweight champion comes to town

Bowe and Lewis, who was going to become the WBC champion by default, would Newman said the \$3 mil-

lion that Lewis had rejected r calks. Dur wa now prepared to accept, was no longer on the table. He said that later this week an important announcement of interest to the British public would be made in New York by American promotors. This immediately started specula-tion that Frank Bruno or Herbie Hide, the Norwich heavyweight, had been signed up for Bowe.

Bowe read out a statement saying he was "stripping the WBC", adding: "I reject and renounce and repudiate and totally dismiss the unfair and immoral, unethical and downright silly action of the WBC and their president, José Sulaimán "I am the heavyweight

champion of the world and today I withdraw my recogni-King boxer. Newman stressed that tion of the WBC. I'm stripping them because they have

failed to meet the mandatory standards of fair play in sport. I will not recogn defend or fight for their dishonoured belt." Then Bowe added, that if Lewis

have to get it out of the garbage. Newman claimed that Lewis had deliberately rejected his offer of \$3 million to acquire the belt by default. According to Newman, Lewis's negotiators had been naive in thinking they could make money by making de-fences of the WBC title.

Thad not realised, Newman added, that it was all a trick to get the world title back to Don King, who was a friend of Sulaiman, Instead of cashing in on the WBC title as he wished, Lewis would have to make a mandatory defence against Tony Tucker, the WBC No. 1 contender, and a

Bowe had always wanted to

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defeat in the Seoul Olympic Games. He said, even though he had other plans for Bowe, he called a meeting with Lewis's three negotiators and offered them a bout for \$3 million which, after ancillaries had been added up, would amount to \$4.5 million.

"If you are so confident of beating Riddick Bowe, \$3 is note at." Newman said. Even though Lewis's men (believing that they were entitled to 25 per cent of the \$30 million the bout would be making. rejected the offer. Newman said he made six enquiries about whether the English camp had changed its mind. On not hearing from Lewis. he made arrangements with the cable channels, HBO and TVKO, for two bouts in which

Lewis did not feature. "Lennox Lewis is a legend in his own mind and a household name in his own house," Newman said. "He is not some big name, so he has very little to bring to the table." Newman believed that in a year's time, when Lewis was better known in the United States, a bout with Bowe would be worth \$50

YACHTING

## Fleet pair look the worse for wear

ADRIAN Donovan and his crew on Heath Insured became the fourth team to suffer a broken forestay late on Sunday night as the 10-strong British Steel Challenge fleet was battling through the Southern Ocean, midway between Cape Horn and Tasmania (Barry Pickthall writes).

The strong headwinds and steep seas also left two crew members on Rhone-Poulenc looking "very similar to a number of Friday night customers I used to deal with as a copper" the skipper, Peter Phillips, reported. Angus MacKenzie and Paul Egan suffered facial bruising and cut lips after a green wave had thrown their yacht around.

The Heath crew suffered a broken bottlescrew, the fifth such Norseman-Gibb fitting to break since the fleet set out from Rio a month ago. Luckily, there were no injuries, the rie held up and the crew was back racing within an hour after replacing the broken part with the forks taken from a

Other skippers have described the problem as a time-bomb waiting to go off

on each boat.

Pete Goss, who skippered the original training yacht and now leads the Hofbrau Lager team, which lost its forestay screw last week, remains just as perplexed as the makers, Norseman-Gibb.

## Williams fails: •

## to win place

World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association, Rex Williams, yesterday failed in his attempt to win re-election to the body's board. The present WPBSA chairman, John Spencer, and the vicechairman. Geoff Foulds, were both re-elected, while Jim Wych, of Canada, was elected to the board for the first time at annual meeting Birmingham.

#### Home draw

Hockey: Hampstead and Westminster, the only nonleague survivors in the Royal Bank of Scotland Cup, have drawn a home match against East Grinstead in the quarterfinals to be played on Febru-

ary 6.
DRAW: Hampstead and Westmanster
East Grinstead; Reading v Beestor
Guildford v Teddington; Cannock
Hounslow.

#### Kapil injury

Cricket: Kapil Dev, who has a swollen ankle, could miss the fifth day/night international with South Africa in Bloemfontein tonight. India are 3-1 down in the seven-match series and must win to keep competitive interest alive in the concluding game.

Park Trees

#### Cup — and the illustrious title that goes with it - in the both goals as the Brazilians graceful, elegant style that is recovered from an early effort the hallmark all that is good in from Hristo Stoichkov, Barcelona's Bulgarian internation-It was also a personal victory al. His second, after a free-kick for their coach, Tele Santana. combination with Pintado,

In a country where the game has become progressively less skilful and more violent. Santana, the brains behind. the classical Brazil teams of the 1982 and 1986 World Cups, has stayed true to the spirit of the "beautiful game". The result is a São Paulo side that claimed their continent's first world championship since Nacional, of Uruguay.

achieved it in 1988. If Santana was the architect of São Paulo's success off the field, it was Rai who directed affairs on it. The younger brother of Socrates, one of Santana's most brilliant disciples in the Eighties, scored

was a worthy winner. There was some consolation for Johann Cruyff, the Span-ish club's coach, yesterday.

resort (5pm)

however. The club offered him a two-year extension on his While São Paulo were edebrating their world champion-

ship, it was business as usual

for the champions elect as AC

Milan duly extended their umbeaten run in the Italian league to 47 matches with a steady, straightforward 2-0 defeat of Ancona. It was Jean-Pierre Papin's turn to top the bill, scoring both goals, one with a typical overhead kick. With Christmas and the mid-winter break on the horizon, Milan's rivals for the title were in seasonally generous mood. Juventus contrived to lose 2-1 at Foggia while Internazionale fared even worse against Lazio, losing 3-I to a team missing Paul Gascoigne, sidelined with a

bruised leg. A STATE OF THE SECOND OF THE S RASKETBALL Runs to Weather Temp snow zz .......50 180 good icy sunny 2C 8/12 (Good skiling on upper slopes. 27 pistes/21 lifts open)

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Pacific division CRICKET SHEFFIELD SHELD: Sydney: Queens-land 447 and 256-9 dec (T Barsty 123; G Robenson 6-104); New South Wales 362: and 247-6 (M Sieter 72, B McNamere 55 not

out; B Oxeniord 4-70). Metch drawn. Pertit: South Australie 409 and 294-5 doc; Western Australie 304-5 doc and 392-7 (G Marsh 138, J Langer 110). Western Australie won by 3 wickets.

TBME-TRIALS: Crest CC (Essex, 25 miles): N Gerdiner (Oxford Polytechnic CC), Sentin 12sec (event record). Teem: Southend and County, Wheelers 3:00:24. Chestenfield Spire RC (10 miles): W Moore (Leo RC), 20:56. Teem: Dinnington RC 1:06:46. Valio Sportiv (Tranent, Lothian, 8.5 miles): A Simst (City of Edinburgh RC), 20:29.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSIBPS: South of England (Eastway, East London, 17 miles): 8 Clarte (Team Releigh), 1:04:00. Mid-lands: (Strewebury, 12 miles): D Bates (Team Releigh), 1:05:55. North: (St Heiers, 14 miles): N Craig (Peugeot-Look), 1:05:98. East: (Ipswich, 13 miles): S Marstal (VC Lincotn), 1:09:15. Welst: (Pontypod, 10 miles): J Winn (Extreme CC), 1:02:05. CLUB EVENTS: Sowern RC (Bristol; 8 miles): S Planger (Bristol RC), 51:40 East Liverpool Winselers (Otterspool Park, 9

7.30 unless stated

Second round

Exeter v Swansea.

Coca-Cola Cup Fourth-round replay

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Stockport v Chester

Second-round replays Northampton v Bath....

ipswich v Aston Villa (7:45)....

FA Cup

miles): N Craig (Peugeot-Look), 55:10. Northern Ireland CCA League (Cartici-lergus, 10 miles): A Cransion (Team Medigan), 55:17.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City 0, Charleon 2; Luton 1, Southampton 1.

WOMEN'S FA CUP: Fourth round: Stanton Rangers 4, Shelfield Wednesday 2; Wolverhampton 0, Red Star Southampton 4; Swindon Spitfires 0, Meldistone Tigresses 4; Wigan 3, Bronte 8, WOMEN'S PREMIER DIVISION: Ipswich Town 0, Asserel 5. Other matches possponed.

RUGBY UNION ADT UNDER-21 COUNTY CHAMPION-SHIP: Eastern Counties 21, Heritorderine 17; Karlt 33, Hampshire 5; Surrey 21, Middleses 18, SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bedford Modern 42, RGS High Wycombe 9; Bethany 18, St. Clave's 11; Chielahurst and Sidoup 12, Hampton 38; Coller's 13, John Fisher 8; Dulwich 20, Severanies 5; Elestmere 21, King Edward's, Birmingham 3; Epsom 20,

GM Vauxhall Conference

Macclesfield v Kidderminster... Northwich v Telford.....

Dagenham and Redbridge v Merthyr

Quarter-finals

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KONICA LEAGUE CUP: Preliminstry round: Briton Ferry's Aberyshwyth, Caerswa v Llenidiose.
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NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Arsenal v Waltord (2.0); Swindon v Nowich. BUDWESSER CUP: Final: Bellymene v Portsdown (et Windsor Park, 7.45). KONICA LEAGUE CUP: Prefirmingry round: First v Cornah's Quey; Porthmadog v Cranw.

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Melden Valle (provisional), League Cuc:
Whenhoe v Hamow Borough (provisional);
Hendon v Aldershot Town.
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Cup: Budon v Netharifield (provisional),
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Bedworth v Terrerorth, King's Lynn v
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CUP: Preliminary round replay. Haletead v
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GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division:
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BASS. NORTH WEST COUNTIES
LEAGUE: Challenge Cup: Second-round
replays: Maine Road (Man) v Bractlord Park
Avanue; Stelmendale v Maghull.
FA VASE: Third round; Withoy v Forest
Graner Paddisch.

BARICLAYS COMMERCIAL SERVICES
CUP: Second round: Forest Green v
Waney (provisional). Third round: Bashley v
Crawley Town (provisional): Dover Athletic
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NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): New York Rangers 10, Montreal Canadiens 5: New York Istanciens 4, Edmonton Offers 1; Ouebee Nordiques 3, Vencouver Canucks 3 (01). WALES CONFERENCE

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MDDLESEX OPEN: Men's final: C van der Weth (SA) bt P Nooi (Scot), 9-6, 9-3, 9-5. Women's final: L Charmen (Sussex) bt S Mactie (Surrey), 9-4, 4-9, 9-6, 9-5 TREESTE, Italy: European team tennis championship: Final: Sweden bt Germany.

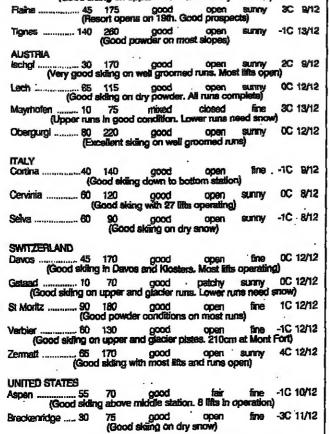
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3.50 Children's BBC: Harum Scarum. Picture stories (s) (6818641)

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6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford (Ceefax)

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7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (950)

8.00 Citizen Smith. Wolfie and Ken squat in their pad. Starring Robert Lindsay and Mike Gradey (f). (Ceefax) (7979)

8.30 A Question of Sport. David Coleman hosts the sports quiz with team captains Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham. (Ceefax) (6486)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and Weather (1912)

9.30 Specially Selected Canned Carrott. Jasper Carrott in the first of two compliations from his Canned Carrott series (f). (Ceefax) (425202). Wales: Week in Week Out; 10.00 Canned Carrott one, though the Christmas eve festival of nine lessons and carols only started in 1918 and is a small part of the choir's life. Comprising boys from the college school and King's undergraduates, the choir exists primarily to sing evensong. It also gives lours and concerts, prompting the criticism that it has become closer to show business than worship. But the film is a portrait rather than a polemic, observing a characteristically British institution in which the weight of tradition (King's was founded 550 years ago) is yielding only slowly to the march of the 20th century. The boy trables still wear top hats in the streets of Cambridge and elitism hangs heavily. At the same time the choir has become a patron of contemporary composers such as Judith Weir (831009), Wales: 10.45 Omnibus



Unlikely buddies: Jon Volght, Dustin Hoffman (11.05pm)

11.05 Film: Midnight Cowboy (1969)

CHOICE: With Midnight Cowboy, British director John Schlesinger started his American career with critical and commercial tnumph and picked up an Oscar into the bergain. Yet the film often succeeds in spite of Schlesinger, whose calculated attempts at "style" add an unnecessary gloss to a story strong enough without them. Even so, Midnight Cowboy is an impressively disencianted view of the American dream, sustained by Waldo Salt's furny-sardonic script and superb central performances. Jon Voight is Joe Buck, a baby-taced hunk from Texas, who wears cowboy gear and goes husting in the Big Apple. Dustin Hoffman is Ratso, a tubercular con-man who first tries to trick Joe and then becomes his unlikely buddy. Their turbulent, touching relationship is one of the canema's most memorable double acts, (Ceetax) (s) (679467). Northern Ireland: Study Ireland; 11.25-1.15am Film: Midnight Cowboy; Wales: 11.35-1.25am Film: Midnight Cowboy 12.55am Weather (5419351). Ends at 1.00
2.15 BBC Select: Executive Business Ctub (55697). Ends at 2.45

BBC2

8.00 Breakfast News (5190912)

8.15 Westminster. Parliamentary update (5296399) 9.00 Film: A Woman's Secret (1949, b/w). Dark melodrama in which Maureen O'Hara confesses to the murder of radio singer Gloria
Grahame, until mutual triend Melvyn Douglas tella the true-story to
the police. Directed by Nicholas Ray (6197467)

10,20 Film: Scarlet Street (1945, b/w). Masterly film noir staming Edward
G. Robinson as a hen-pecked husband who is drawn into a web of
decert and murder when he meets prostitute Joan Bennett. Directed

by Fritz Lang (51389825)
12.05 Magic of the House. Frank Delaney visits children's writer Lucy

M. Boston at home in her Norman manor house on the banks of the

M. Bosion at home in her Norman manor house on the banks of the River Orse in Huntingdon (f) (6220592)

12.20 The Royal Institute Christmes Lectures. In the second of five lectures on evolution, Dr Richard Dawlors considers the complexity of nature, such as a bird's wing and an eye (f) (s) (2908573)

1.20 Charlie Chalk. Cartoon adventures (f) (40218370)

1.35 Another War, Another Peace: A Different East. Magnus

Magnusson charts the emergence of communism in China and capitalism in Japan (37388592) 2.00 News and weather (99155573) followed by See Heart The magazine for the deaf and hard-of-hearing looks at communication

and story-telling (r) (s) (7121221)

3.00 News and Weather (7656370) followed by Westminster Live including prime minister's questions (9013825) 3.50 News, regional news and weather (6816283)

4.00 Catchword. Word game hosted by Paul Coia (s) (979)

4.30 Behind the Headlines. Analysis with John Diamond (s) (863)

5.00 Pinkfoot. An RSPB film about a pair of pink-footed geese searching

5.30 Plintoott An I SIPS tilm about a pair of pink-hooted geese searching for neating sites in Iceland (8009)
5.30 Film '92 with Barry Norman. Includes reviews of Sir Richard Attenborough's Chaplin, and The Muppet Christmas Carol starring Michael Carne as Scrooge (f) (s) (115)
6.00 Film: The Spanish Main (1945). Superior swashbucker starring Pauli Herreid as a wrongly imprisoned Dutch sea captain who relashions himself as the pirate Barracuda to wreak vengeance on his Spanish captor. With Maureen O'Hera and Walter Slezak. Directed by Frank Borzage (70441134)



Power behind the president? Hillary Clinton talks (7.40pm)

7.40 Assignment: First Ladies. Margeret Jay talks to Betty Ford, Berbara Bush and Hillary Clinton about the changing role of the American president's wife (333825)
8.25 Prisoners of Conscience. The barrister Michael Mansfield telles on behalf of a person jailed for political beliefs (150467)
8.30 Food and Drink. Sandi Toksvig and Patrick Barlow compete in a festive culinary quitz; Brian Turner and Michael Barry create party snacks; and Jilf Goolden and Oz Clarke select white wines to drink with turkey. Presented by Chris Kelby (4) (4028)

with turkey. Presented by Chris Kelly (s) (4028)

9.00 Quantum Leap: A Hunting We Will Go. Officest American time-travel series. Starring Scott Bakula. (Ceefed) (s) (304844)

9.50 Troubleshooter 2: Neither Fish Nor Fowl. Sir John Harvey-Jones

9.50 Troubleshooter 2: Neither Fish Nor Fowl. Sir John Harvey-Jones applies his business acumen to a struggling group of Bradford hospitals, granted NHS trust status. (Ceelax) (397080)
10.30 Newanight with Jeremy Paxman (343554)
11.15 Prisoners of Conscience with Michael Mansfield (705115)
11.20 Self Exposure: Current Events. In the second of five programmes, the Jewish-American director Ratph Artyck explores how people can respond with more compassion to news of foreign disesters (511028)

disasters (511028)

12,20am Behind the Headlines (as 4.30pm) (s) (8613239)

12.50 Weather (3879149). Ends at 1.00

ITV LONDON

6.00 TV-ean (5528883)

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9.25 Keynotas. Music qutz (6704370) 9.55 Thames News (9293757)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Last in the series (s) (9857738)
10.35 This Moming. Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley present the taut programme this year, with fashlon, heir and make-up tips. Including at 10.55 ITN News, 11.55 Thames News and weather (25093221)
12.10 Playbox. Early learning series (r) (6205283)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Dermot Murnaghan and Sonia Ruseler. (Oracle) Weather (1152775) 1.05 Thames News (40240979)
1.15 Home and Away. (Oracle) 49427m

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1.45 A Country Practice. Australian medical drama (844711)
2.15 Heirloom. In the last in the series, John Bly's guest is David Battie,

an expert on oriental antiques (494450)
2.45 Families. Anglo-Australian drama serial (s) (9797641) 3.10 ITN
News headlines (7674776) 3.15 Thames News (7673047)

3.20 The Young Doctors. Drama based in a city hospital (3584080)
3.50 Children's ITV: Fraggle Rock. Puppet fun (r) (5101080) 4.05 The Raggy Dolls (r) (s) (7172573) 4.15 Mike and Angelo. American comedy-drama about a friendly alien (r) (8707738) 4.40 Children's Ward. Hospital drama series. (Oracle) (s) (8972196)
5.10 Famous People, Famous Places. William G. Stewart hosts the

5.40 ITN Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (717660)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (554)

6.30 Home and Away (7). (Oracle) (554)
6.30 Thames News (134)
7.00 Enumerdale. Tensions mount in Beckindale. (Oracle) (3399)
7.30 The Home Show. Last in the series of home-improvement ideas, including a review of Terence Conran's latest DIY book (r) (318)
8.00 The Bill: Counting the Coat. A local hero is harassed by a acrep dealer in tonight's visit to Sun Hill. (Oracle) (2047)
8.30 The Upper Hand: The Fugitive. Role-reversal comedy starring Jos McGann as a housekeeper. Joanna (Kellie Bright) learns that her grandfather is in prison (s) (1554)



Feminist high-flyer: Helen Mirren as the detective (9.00pm)

OCHOICE: The original Prime Suspect was so successful at combining critical acctairn and a huge audience that a saquel was inevitable. Indeed Prime Suspect 3 is already on the stocks. Lynda La Ptante, who wrote the first show, has been succeeded by Allan Cubitt and there have been cast changes. But the main elements have been retained and so, most importantly, has the standard. Essentially, as before, this is a gripping and cleverly worked police procedural, centred on a murder enquiry. Helen Mirren is back as DC! Tennison, a shade more glamorous but still the high-fiying woman in a resentful male world. To this feminist strain is added a racial one, with the plot focusing on strained relations between the police and the black community. Shot with sombre realism, *Prime Suspect 2* looks like another winner. It concludes tomorrow.

(Oracle) (8931)

10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Oracle) Weather (96467)
10.30 Thames News (920202)

10.40 Prime Suspect 2 continued. (Oracle) (198931)

11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (388912)

12.30am Video View. Mariella Prostrup concludes the series with this year's highlights, Including clips of Sigourney Weaver, Torn Berenger and Anthony Hopkins (29326)

1.30 The Equalities American crime chans (66322) 1.30 The Equalizer. American crime drama (66332)
2.30 Donahue. Phil Donahue asks whether a husband can rape his wite

(8105177) 3.20 60 Minutes. American news magazine (6592351) 4.10 The Twilight Zone. A loser pays a high price to win at the race track. With Anthony Francicsa (r) (60570535)
4.40 Short Story Theatre. Mr Gimme and The Violin (r) (4302177)
5.30 ITN Early Morning News (77239). Ends at 6.00

#### CHANNEL 4

6.00 Carboons (20660) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (49919)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Quiz hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (6709825)
9.25 Film: Four Clowns (1969, b/w). A compiliation of vintage stent comedy sequences, starring Laurel and Hardy, Buster Keaton and Charley Chase. Directed by Roben Youngson (57450009)
11.10 The Three Stooges: Some More of Samos (1941, b/w). The trio try to find a mats for a persimmon tree (3454844)
11.30 Credo: Russian and Ulcrainian Jews. Judaism is undergoing a revival in Russia's cities (5115)
12.00 The Parliament Programme with Arme Perkins (88080)

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12.00 The Parliament Programme with Anne Perkins (86080)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning series (32912)
1.30 Take 5. Entertainment for under-fives (r) (44592)
2.00 Film: Broadway Melody of 1940 (1940, b/w). Fred Astaire and Eleanor Powell star in this stylish, tuneful musical with a Cole Porter score. Directed by Norman Taurog (473028)

3.55 Gulf. A cartoon about communication (9912806)

4.00 Family Pride. Asian family drama series (s) (937)
4.30 Fifteen to One. Quick-fire quiz (s) (931)
5.00 Crawahaw Paints Oils. In the last of the series, Alwyn Crawshaw

paints a chicket match at Ottery St Mary (4405)

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5.30 Alt for Their Own Good. A Survival film on how American scientists are trying to preserve endangered species (f) (283)
6.00 Adagio. Cartoon about a boy seeking refuge in music (196)
6.30 Rosearme: Community Theatre. Rosearme's sister Jackie (Laune Metcail) takes up acting (f). (Teletext) (776)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow. (Teletext) Weather (468134)
7.50 Comment. Chris Holmes asks why funerals are miserable (644196)
8.00 Newer Born, Newer Died. Followers of the late Osho (formerly Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh) talk about life without the physical presence of their religious leader. (Teletext) (7919)
8.30 The Feast of Christmas: French Leave. Paul Levy watches chef François Coolen prepare réveillon. (Teletext) (9196)



Blast from the past: Steven Berkoff, Michael Jenn (9.00pm)

9.00 Without Walls: Après le Déluge

CHOICE: Melvyn Bragg takes a trip to Paris and evokas the flowering of post-1945 culture through such figures as Jean-Paul Sartre. Albert Camus and Samuel Beckett The film is parity autobiographical. When Bragg first set foot in the city as a 17-year-old he was struck by how different it was to England. There was not the same feeling of hierarchy and class division and intellectuals appeared to the post-old transport to the same feeling of hierarchy and class division and intellectuals. were treated as normal human beings. As well as writing novels, Camus played football. Bragg is assisted in his trip down memory lane by the writer Offvier Todd, who not only knew Santre but is able lane by the writer Other Todd, who not only knew Sartre but is able to explain existentialism in words of one syllable. Another contributor to this intellectual nostalgia is the actor/playright Steven Berkoff who enthuses over Jean-Louis Berrault and gives a snatch of Waiting for Godot. Those were the days (6573)

10.00 Film: Strapless (1988). Enigmatic drama stairing Blair Brown as an overworked doctor, whose mamage to stranger Bruno Ganz affects her relationship with younger sister Bridget Fonda. Written and directed by David Hare (79960)

11.55 Pallas. A timely edited repeat of the irreverent royal scap opera (r) (s) (239757)

(3) (239757)

12.10am Brass: Their Finest Haif-Hour. In the last in the comedy series, Bradley (Timothy West) plays cricket (r) (s) (8616326)

12.40 Film: Dark Eyes of London (1939, bW). Vintage horror, based on a story by Edgar Wallace, staming Bela Lugosi as an evil doctor working at an institution for the blind. Directed by Walter Summers (5840659). Ende et 200

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6,00mm Deathtrap (1982): Thrifiar with Michael Carte and Christopher Reeve as a playwright and his assistant (37172) 8.00 Cubs 11979). Romanic year set against the Castro revolution (86592950) 10.05 Allice's Restaument Entertainment

THE MOVIE CHANNEL 7.00em Comet Quest (1986): Adventure with Mark Twain in a Bying machine (35931)

buckler with Tyrone Power (67347) 11.00 The Fighting Kentucklen (1949): John Wayne plays a 19th-century learner (37047)
1.00pm The Sirigand of Kandeher (1965):
An officer teams up with a bands (67383)
3.00 Babes In Toylend (1965): Fantasy with
Draw Berrymore (86115)
5.00 Problem Child (1960): Comedy about a multisection boy (47115) a troublesome young boy (47115) 7,00 Without a Clare (1989): Comic version

of the Sheriock Hotmes takes (2626S) 9.00 Murdenous Vision (1991). A police 9.00 attractorus Vision: (1991). A posci investigator morier with a psychic (48298) 11.00 Dick Tracy (1990): Warren Beetsy's Pop Art gangeter movie (882908) 12.50em Meladiction (1989): Chiller about the rase of a meeting woman (274993) 2.25 Home is Where the Hart is (1997): Cornedy about a billionstre (78050239) 5 00 The Truth above Winners (1959): Are 5.00 The Truth about Women (1958): An elderly rake looks back (36245), Ends at 6.28

SKY SPORTS Saven Stretch (32370) 7.00 Duba Rugby Savens (73496) 8.00 Farford Duahlon (23955) 8.00 Stretch (63028) 9.30 American Sports Cavalizade (67021) 10.30 AMA Supercross (92690) 11.30 Stretch (10009) 12.00 World Team Pool (35252) 1.00 Golf (44115) 3.00 Faithord Duahlon (14825) 4.00 The Game Of Billions (26660) 5.00 Boots & Al (1283) 8.00 Sooner (904600) 8.03 Super Trax (35216) 7.00 FA Cup Footbell (729853) 9.30 Footballers' Footbell (729853) 11.30 Red Line (99467) 18.30 German League Footbell (81245)

EUROSPORT

7.00mm Eurobics (77931) 7.30 Reve (63738) 8.00 Motorsport (2752221) 8.85 Swing (9596573) 10.00 Football (54582) 10.30 Drag Racing (70554) 11.00 Eurobics (33950) 11.30 Sking (56318) 1.00pm Longitude

RADIO 1

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roung 2.00pm some Hunniford 3.30 Ed Steven 3.55 John Durn 7.00 Back to Square One, with Chris Serie 7.30 Such Breef Harmony with Brian Kay 8.00 Hollywood Bowl Poly-nifoduced by Gloria Humiliord 9.00 Stars in Her Eyes: Steve Risce talks to Mary Cook about his career in showbusiness 10.00 North Country 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Jazz Parade: A Week in Manuferty 92 12.35 Steve Macriden with Night Pide 4.00 Alax Lester. The Early Show News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm. 6.00em World Service: World News; 6.09

6.30 Darrny Beker's Morning Edition 9.30 Chain Reaction 10.00 Johnnie Walter with The AM Atternative 12.30pm Withers' Weekly 1.00 New Lipitate 1.10 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 1.25 BF85 Worldwide 2.30 A Gerne of Two Hakes 4.30 FWe Aside 7.15 The Conjune's Gerne by Calhenne Fether (2 of 5) 7.36 Football Plus 10.10 Earthot and 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am

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CLASSIC FM

6.00mm Nick Balley 9.90 Henry Kelly 12.00

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6.00mm Reinbow (10705641) 6.15 Chorton And The Wheeles (10700196) 6.20 The All

RADIO 3 6.55am Weather 7.00 On Air: Andrew Lyle with music, news and weather Private and weather suppose of the Week:
Vivaldi. The Square and
Besilica of St Merk. Martin
Jarvis reads extracts from the
journal of Edward Wright's visit
to Verwee in the 1720s. Purcett.
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to Venice in the 17218. Purcest
Quantel performs Trio Sonafa
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Folia", (RV63): The English
Concert Chor and English
Concert under Trevor Pinnock
with Ingrid Attrot and Nancy
Argenta. sopranos, and
Cathenne Denley, contraito (r)
10.09 Bratunas and his Critics:
Respons (Therese, Du Brehms (Therese, Du milchjunger Knabe, Op 86 No 1: Margaret Price, soprano, James Lockhart, piano); Wolf (Du milchjunger Knabe, Alte Wessen); Brahms (Academic Festival Overture); Wagner (Forest Murmurs, Siegniad); Tchaiknesty (Elegn für Tchaiknesty (Elegn für (Porest Mulmurs, Segimen). Tchaikovsky (Elegy for Strings); Wolf (Hoch beglückt in deiner Liebe, Goethe Lieder); Brahms (Von ewiger Lieve, Op 43 No 1); Dukkas (Variations, interlude end Finale on a theme of Ram Brahms (Capriccio in D minor, Op 116 No 7), Britten Serenade for tenor, hom and

12.00 An Ancient Song: Sister Marie Keyrouz performs the chants of Lebanese Christian communities and David Melling looks at medieval secular music of Byzantium (r)

Takuo Yuasa periorms Dvorák (Slavonic Dances, Op 46 Nos 2 and 3. Symphony No 9 in E minor, From the New World) Breaking the Ice. A Celebration of Icelandic Culture Ice and Fire. Paragon Culture toe and Fire Paragori Ensemble under David Davies performs Pall P Palsson (Septembersonett); Askell Masson (Prim); Hjälmar H Ragnarsson (Preludes Nos 1, 4 and 5); Jones Tomesson (Melodia); Alli Hernir Svairesson (Fantasitic Rondos); Jon Nordal (Duo); Hroomar I Sigurbornsson (Octett); Askell 3.30 The Sky Above, the Earth Selow: A musical portrait of the Grimethorpe Collery Bend conducted by Frank Renton
4.30 Bunk and Bull

JEWINE AND SWITE

CHOICE: Bunk was the
black jazz trumpeter Bunk
Johnson, said to bave
"educated": Louis Armstrong
into playing the instrument
property. Bill was William
Russell, the jazz helorian, who
more than anyone. more than enyone, rehabilitated Johnson's career after a generation of jazz fans had forgotten he ever existed. Michael Pointin's well-documented four-pert series documented four-part series about Johnson's rescue from obtivion and his subsequent igniting of the revival of interes in New Orleans jazz in the 1940s, relies heavily, and productively, or a tong interview he had with Russell shortly before he died.

5:00 in Tune: Andrew Green presents music, news and weather with guest the composer John Rutter 7:30 Pebble Mill, live from Studio Birmingham. The Vanbrugh Quartel performs Heydn (Quartet in G minor, Op 74 No. (Quertet in G minor, Op 74 N 3, Rider); John Kinsella (Quertet No 3); Dvořák (Quertet in A flat, Op 105) 9.15 The Gospel According to Plero: The Baptism of Christ. Professor John White

Reneissance painter Piero della Francesca 9.20 BBC Symptony Orchestra under Andrew Davis with Tracey Chacwell, soprano performs Nicota Lefanu (The performs Nicota Lefanu (The Wind Among the Pines); Philip Grange (Focus and Fade) Salamann's Dichterliabe 10.05 Schumann's Dichterilebe performed by David Wilson-Johnson, baritone, and David Owen Norris, piano (r) 10.45 Night Waves: Oliver Taplin looks at the retainneshin

between nametwe poetry and live theatre

11.30 Mitrolasva Plays Mozart:
BBC Scotten SO under Alexander Gibeon with Tatiana Nikolasva, pano performs Haydn (Symphony No 49 in Fminor, La Passione): Mozart (Prano Concerto No 27 in 8 fat, K585)

30-12.35em

12.30-12.35am News

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55em Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing incl 6.03
Weather 6.10 Farming Today
6.25 Prayer for the Day with
Dame Christian Howard 6.30
Today incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30,
8.00, 6.30 News; 6.45
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Day 8.40 Yesterday in
Parlament 8.56 Weather
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10.00 News; Coestime (FM only):
Cliff Michelmore visits the
small villege of Lynfrouth on
the north Devon coest (s)

10.00 Daily Service (LW only)

10.15 Paredise Lost (30 of 41)

10.30 Women's Hourt on interview Woman's Hour: an interview with the author Susan Hill, plus reports on pyjamas and some alternative Christmas dishes.

inci 11.00 News 11.30 Medicine Now with Geoff 12.00 You and Yours with John Howard
12.25pm The Friend in the Corner
• CHOICE: Definitely not designed to add colour to the

grey austerity of 1947, BBC radio's talks department offered listeners a new perspective on Aberdeen granite. Light relief was, however, at hand. There was Professor John White celebrates the art of the nowever, at reard. There was the pomp and ceremony of the weeding of the future Ousen Elizabeth II, Tommy Handley and I.T.M.A., and Dick Barton, Ceremit August The third in this Special Agent. The third in this marvellous series of compilations from the BBC compligations from the BBC archives, reveals that though the Corporation banned neughty words that might offend children "in middle-class homes", a Children's Hour "uncle" was able to say: "Now, what about a song from that darky minstrel show — the Coloised Coopes" it?

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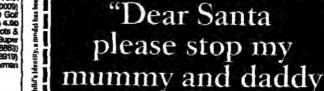
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**TUESDAY DECEMBER 15 1992** 

Family Formula One tradition continued as world champion team announces its No. 2 driver

## Williams sign Hill to take Mansell's place

WILLIAMS, the world champion motor racing team. brought weeks of rumour and speculation to an end yesterday by announcing that Da-mon Hill, the son of the late Graham Hill, would replace Nigel Mansell, the world champion driver, in their line-

up next year When Hill takes the wheel for the South African grand prix on February 28, he will be continuing a rich family tradi-tion. Graham Hill was perhaps the last truly dashing driver in Formula One.

It is too much to say that Williams have the world drivers' championship in their gift. Other teams may be making extraordinary strides in the closed season; Williams may be in the middle of some tremendous mix-up. However, neither possibility is something to bet the mortgage on. More relevant to Hill's chances, probably, is the fact

#### DAMON HILL

Date of birth: September 17, 1982. Place of birth: London, Nationality: British, Home: London, Formula One record: Grand Prix debut: Britain, 1992. Grand Prix starts: 2. Best finish: 11th, Hungary 1992. Career details: 1984: Champion of Brands riding a Yamaha 350 cc motor cycle, First car win in FF1600 at Brands Hatch. 1985: Third in Esso Formula. Ford 1600 championship, Third at the

Hatch. 1985: Third in Esso Formula. Ford 1600 championship. Third at the Formula Ford leakival. 1986: Ninth in Lucas British Formula Three championship. 1987: Fifth in Lucas British Formula Three championship. 1988: Third in Lucas British Formula Three championship. 1989: Flootwork Formula in the International F3000 series. 1990: Mcdilebridge Formula in International F3000 series. 1981: Middlebridge For-mula in International F3000 series. Official test driver for Canon Williams in Formula One. 1982: Official test driver for Canon Williams. Drove Brabham in Formula One world championship.

that Williams have already appointed Alain Prost to drive next year. Prost is a three times world champion, and winner of 44 grand prix races, more than anyone else in history. Mansell drove for the Wil-

liams team last year, and won the world drivers' championship. Now he has retired from Formula One, and is to compete in Indy Car racing next season. Hill is taking over one of the hottest seats in racing and he has two hard acts to follow: Mansell, and his own father, Graham. Another hard man to follow is Prost - that is, if Hill chooses to do much following. Presumably his principal job will be to protect Prost's back, even if nobody will put it quite like that. Hill finally convinced the

Williams team that he was the best man for the job after a brilliant testing session in Portugal last week. In fact, he was quicker than Prost, which could be a pointer to trouble

Hill was quick to minimise this suggestion. "Prost is not the sort of driver who slings it at the scenery. It was only his third test in the car. He is learning about both the team and the car," he said.

Hill comes over as both charming and modest, something that will make him stand out in the world of Formula One. He is not brash. and, at 30, he is certainly not young."I've not been in Formula One - or even in motor racing all my life," he said.
"I've lived in the real world as well. Been a dispatch rider and a labourer."

In fact, Hill's Formula One



Hot seat: Damon Hill, the son of the late Graham Hill, gets behind the wheel of a Williams at Didcot yesterday after being announced as their second driver for 1993

experience comes down to the grand total of two races, both last year. He was driving a Brabham; some will tell you it was a wonder that Hill was able to qualify, let alone finish both times. He was sixteenth and eleventh.

"I understand why people will see this as a controversial choice," he said. "It is a very brave decision from the Williams team, in the face of it. But I know motor racing, if

not Formula One - and I know this car very well." Hill has been test driver for Williams for two years. In one fell swoop, the understudy has been made a star. "He is the ideal candidate," Frank Williams, head of the Williams

team, said. "He is very, very fast. He understands grand prix cars. His job is not to mash the cars and to get on the podium as often as

Hill is going in with his eyes wide open. "Motor racing is different to any other sport," he said. The only driver you are really competing with is your teammate. Your team always wants the drivers to work in harmony, but all drivers are competitive people or they wouldn't be racing

The expectation is that Prost will do the bulk of the

get this drive. Now all I want to do is not be shown up as completely inadequate." The implication is clear. Expectations change, and Hill expects his expectations to change as the season - and he -

able assumption. Just two weeks ago, all I wanted was to

"I've always been told how my father did at this or that. And I have put him on a very large pedestal. I am very

proud to be in a competitive car in Formula One. I feel fulfilled, to some degree." Prost is chasing old times as

a former champion. Hill is breaking new ground — but he is also, as the son of his father, bringing back the past.

The future of Formula One racing could be decided at a Heathrow airport hotel on January 14 when Bernie Ecclesione calls together the team directors.

Ecclestone, a vice-president of Fisa, the sport's governing body, and head of the constructors' association. Foca. is concerned at the prospect of another Williams-dominated season producing a boring spectacle. The idea of a weight handicap, to give other teams a better chance, failed to find majority support and a pace car is being considered.

Graham Hill profile, page 32

## FA to consider video evidence before taking Wright decision

By Stuart Jones, pootball correspondent

IAN Wright, Arsenal's leading scorer, will learn by the end of the week the price he must pay for his latest misdemeanor. The Football Associ-DOWN

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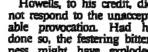
ation is to announce its verdict after studying the referee's report and video evidence of the punch he threw at David Howells, of Tottenham Hotspur, at White Hart Lane

on Saturday.

Wright, who started the year
by being fined £1,500 for
allegedly spitting at an Oldham Athletic supporter, could 2 North Korea president Destroy large part (8) Overwhelming defeat (4) end it by being suspended. If the FA takes action, as is probable, the sentence promises to be for two or three games, the same as if he had been sent off during the

game.

One precedent, set by another Arsenal player four years ago, is thought to be irrelevant. Paul Davis was banned for nine games and fined £3,000, but his act, a left hook which fractured the jaw of Glenn Cockerill in a match against Southampton, was considered overtly cynical. Davis struck when the ball was some distance away and when he knew the referee's attention had been diverted elsewhere. Wright, over-reacting to a tackle considerably less forceful than others which littered the spiteful north London derby, retaliated within a few



Howells, to his credit, did not respond to the unacceptable provocation. Had he done so, the festering bitterness might have exploded temporarily into more widespread violence and Wright might also have received more than a lecture from Buksh, who had consulted his linesman.

George Graham, the Arsenal manager who has asked for Buksh not to take charge of his dub's games, yesterday accepted that Wright was at fault. "I've seen the video and spoken to the player," he said. "He states



Graham: discipline

yards of the official, Alf categorically that he did not

FA. "Gascoigne worked at his Terry temperament under Terry Venables at Tottenham," Graham said, "and he has matured into the player that he is. I'm working on the same lines with Ian and he's working very hard on it, too, but you

nunch the other player.

"But even lifting your arm is a problem, in my opinion. It is wrong and, at Arsenal, we don't condone that sort of behaviour. If any disciplinary action is to be taken, it will be done in the Arsenal way, privately and not in

Graham likened Wright's fiery nature to that of Paul Gascoigne. Significantly, when he was at Tottenham Hotspur, television cameras captured him elbowing a Notts County opponent at White Hart Lane in the FA Cup three seasons ago. No action was taken either by the referee or, subsequently, by the

don't change overnight." Nevertheless, Wright is en-dangering not only Arsenal's ambitions of winning the inaugural Premier League title but also his own place in the England line-up. He has been selected as Alan Shearer's partner in both of the World Cup qualifying ties so far against Norway and Turkey.

Graham Taylor, the Eng-land manager who will watch Holland take on the Turks in Istanbul tomorrow, will not tolerate representatives who consistently misbehave. Graham, during a Football Writ-ers' Association lunch in London, expressed his determination to refine the troubled and controversial forward he bought from Crystal Palace for £2.5

"Ian has great talent and we don't want to lose great talent from our game through this type of failing," he said. "We will continue to work hard and, if we succeed, it will be to our benefit and it will help his England career as well."

Venables, a guest at the same function, suggests that the Premier League should be enlarged for the sake of young-sters. Too many, he feels, lose impetus and interest once they fail to progress from their club's youth side to the

At tomorrow's Premier League meeting, he will pro-pose that an under-21 division should be formed. That, though, would have been no service to Wright's education. He did not become a professional until he was signed by Palace at the age of 22.

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## Russian coach is caught with steroids

By JOHN GOODBODY

FOUR leading Russian athletes, including two world champions, were yesterday ordered to return to Moscow when Swedish customs officials found illegal substances in the luggage of the team coach on their arrival in Stockholm.

The four competitors — one man and three women - were identified as Rodion Gataullin, the pole vaulter, Ludmila Naroshilenko, the world 100-metre hurdles champion. Margarita Ponomaryeva, the world 400 metres hurdles champion, and Tachana Reshnetikova,

the international sprinter.

"Customs officials found

anabolic steroids and syringes

in a suitcase belonging to the coach. Lydia Fedotova," Bengt was deeply worried about the Bendeus, a Swedish athletics official, said. There is no suggestion that the competitors knew the coach had drugs in her possession.

The athletes were to have trained and competed in Malmo, 375 miles south of Stockholm. The scandal has forced the local club to cancel an international indoor meeting in mid-February. After consultations with the

International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF) and the Swedish Athletics Federation. it was decided that the four competitors should undergo drug tests, the results of which should be known within a few days. Arne Ljungqvist, the

was deeply worried about the attempted smuggling of anabolic steroids.

"The incident will be discussed at the IAAF meeting in London in January." Ljungqvist told the Swedish news agency, TT. "It is too early to say what measures will be taken. First we must await the outcome of the tests." Ljungqvist, who is also pres-

ident of the IAAF medical commission, did not rule out the possibility that Fedotova would be barred from coaching. He expressed concern about a new wave of smuggling of anabolic steroids from the former Soviet Union into Sweden. "There are huge stocks of illegal substances

there, worth large amounts of money. The temptation must be great," he said. The four athletes were part

of a big programme involving about 25 competitors from former Soviet republics. They were to practise in the new indoor arena in Malmö for nine months and sponsors were to pay for food and

lodging during this time. This is not the first time that Russians have been caught carrying anabolic steroids on entry to a foreign country. In 1983, two weightlifters, induding Anatoli Pissarenko. the world super-heavyweight champion, were stopped at Montreal airport and found to have hormone drugs in their

## Ali's notes fail to sell

NOTES used by Muhammad because Ali usually preferred weight boxing champion, to persuade organisets to give him a rematch with Leon Spinks failed to sell at Sotheby's yesterday (Sarah Jane Checkland writes).

Used by Ali in a nationally televised press conference at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York on March 4, 1978, the text was considered rare and valuable by the auction house

Ali, the former world heavy- on such occasions to extemporise. In the event his appeal did the trick, and Ali then made sporting history by capturing the title for the third

Unfortunately, the manuscript recording the incident had less success. Scrawled in ball-point pen, it had been estimated at £4,000 to £5,000. In the event, however, bids stopped at £700.

